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Farms hire security in bid to crack rural crime

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ESPERATE farmers are turning to private security firms in a bid to bring to a halt a rural crime spree which is threatening their livelihoods.

A spate of thefts from farms over the last year has cost hard-pushed rural businesses thousands of pounds.

Rural areas around Canterbury are among the worst hit, along with sites near Ashford, Maidstone and west Kent, and now farmers are clubbing together to pay private firms to provide extra security measures.

One firm, Precreate Security, provides 24-hour mobile patrols in a bid to provide peace of mind to farmers concerned they will fall victim again.

Gary Jackson of Precreate said: "Farms have become targets for organised crime gangs. Expensive tractors and machinery are getting stolen and shipped off to Eastern Europe.

"Farmers' land is generally spread out over large areas, so it makes it difficult to protect all their property.

"A few of the farmers in the area have joined together to provide a security presence for all their farms and we have installed sensors to alert us of intruders, alarms and mobile response units.

"It means we can be on site within minutes of an alarm being triggered or from a call out from one of our clients."

Police sources say machinery theft has been linked to organised crime and police have recovered equipment from the county's farms as far away as Poland.

Gangs target what is seen as a lucrative source of cash or use the stolen machinery in other crimes such as breaking into cash machines.

Machinery stolen includes excavators, forklift trucks, grass cutters, tractors, generators, cement mixers and road breakers, some costing up to £300,000.

NFU Mutual – the financial services arm of the National Farmers' Union – has reported a 5.5 per cent increase in tractor thefts in the past year and 15 per cent increase in thefts from rural homes.

An NFU spokeswoman said: "We understand why people would consider taking this action. But the police do run schemes designed at clamping down on these problems."



Apprentice Vince fired for making dog's dinner of task

Full story – see inside

CRIME

Meerkat man is sentenced

A CROOK who stole a meerkat from Wingham Wild Animal Park to keep as a pet has been sentenced. The teenager had stolen the creature in December, in a bid to impress his girlfriend after seeing them on TV. But when he took it home it escaped. It later froze to death on the streets. PAGE 3

CHARITY

Not too late to Race for Life

THERE'S still time to register to take part in this summer's Race for Life event in Canterbury. The fundraiser takes place on July 31 and is open to women of all ages and abilities with all money raised going towards fighting the disease. Read one woman's brave story inside. PAGE 24

BROADBAND

Blow as web boost stalls

AN internet revolution could still be on the cards in Kent despite the county council missing out on an ambitious £4.3 million government funding bid. Kent County Council wants to upgrade its broadband network over the next four years and says it hopes to secure funding soon. PAGE 2



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SOCIAL CARE

So who was to blame for slump in child services?

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SENIOR staff at Kent County Council have been accused of allowing social workers to take the blame for failings in the child protection service.

At a meeting of the authority's cabinet scrutiny committee last Wednesday, Lib Dem leader Cllr Trudy Dean questioned why no senior managers had been held responsible for the multitude of problems that led to a disastrous Ofsted inspection at the end of last year.

But after being told the council was looking forward and not back, Cllr Dean admitted that it may never be revealed who was to blame for the collapse of the department.

She said: "I think it's what members of the public expect and what social workers expect. They feel like they're being asked to carry the can on this when all evidence shows they were working well beyond their hours, were understaffed, not being managed properly and with an inadequate IT system.

"I think they have a right to know what was happening at a higher level."

KCC is rebuilding its child protection service after last year's Ofsted inspection revealed vulnerable youngsters were at risk of harm, due to severe failings in several key areas of the department.

The scrutiny committee heard how the authority was making "huge strides" in dealing with a backlog of children without an allocated social worker, reducing the number from 2,200 last February to just 71 this week.

But Cllr Dean said she wanted to know who was to blame for the problems in the first place.

She asked at the meeting: "Who was responsible for misreporting that everything in the garden was rosy when it was not? Paul Carter [KCC leader] said there would be a 'post-mortem' but we are still waiting."

But Cllr Dean cut a lonely figure as other councillors, including cabinet member for specialist children's services Cllr Jenny Whittle, told her it was time to put the past behind them.

Former cabinet member for children Cllr Chris Wells said the recent case of Sharon Shoesmith should act as a warning to those who seek to blame others.

Ms Shoesmith, the former director of children's services at Haringey council, was fired without warning and on live television at the height of the Baby P scandal. Judges in the Court of Appeal have now ruled that she was unlawfully dismissed and "summarily scapegoated".

Cllr Wells said: "Social services are always judged by failure and public inquiries, and it's time we put the blame culture behind us.

"Very few people understand what goes on at the frontline and there's a real danger here of turning this into something that would look better on the front page of a tabloid newspaper.

"We are seeing changes and positive contributions in turning the service around now, and in a month that has seen the Ed Balls/Sharon Shoesmith court case verdict, we ought to think twice before we start flogging people to blame."

Among those people invited to attend the meeting was former KCC chief executive Peter Gilroy, who retired several months before the damning Ofsted inspection and was replaced by current group managing director Katherine Kerswell.

Mr Gilroy emailed Cllr Dean the evening before to decline the invitation, saying he felt it would be "totally inappropriate" to comment on issues at a council he had not been a part of for more than a year.

He added: "It is important to restate that my investigations did not find any evidence of children at risk of serious harm not being assessed within appropriate timescales, nor did I find evidence that case-stacking was occurring.

"This was also true of the two Ofsted reports in 2008."

Cllr Dean said afterwards she was disappointed Mr Gilroy turned down the opportunity to speak at the meeting.

"These problems didn't happen overnight and that's the bottom line," she said. "I'm disappointed he did not see this as an opportunity to tell his side of the story."

TECHNOLOGY

Blow as broadband bid disconnected

AN INTERNET revolution could still be on the cards in Kent despite the county council missing out on an ambitious £43 million government funding bid.

Kent County Council wants to upgrade its broadband network over the next four years and had presented a business case to the team in charge of the £530m Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK) budget.

However, in another snub to the South East, the Government overlooked the bid and instead awarded £30m to Devon and Somerset, £15m to Norfolk and £4m to Wiltshire.

Cllr Kevin Lynes, cabinet member for regeneration and enterprise, said: "The bold bid presented by Kent and Medway would have made an important and, in places, life-changing impact.

"While I am, of course, disappointed that the bid was not successful at this stage, the good news is that BDUK has said it wants to meet with each bidder.

"This way, we can look at how our bid goes forward from here and how funding can be secured for the future.

"The door is very much still open."

Currently about seven per cent of Kent households have no access to broadband services of any kind, while 40 per cent are unable to achieve fixed-line transfer rates of two megabits per second.



OFF LINE: Our rural areas have missed out on a vital broadband connection boost

The decision not to award the broadband cash to Kent is the latest in a series of funding snubs for the county.

In April, the Government decided against making the Pfizer site in Sandwich an Enterprise Zone (EZ), despite the expected loss of thousands of jobs when the pharmaceutical giant leaves the town next year.

Days later it emerged that ministers expect to allocate no more than one zone per Local Enterprise Partnership for its 10 remaining EZs, meaning Kent could be penalised for being a part of one of the country's largest LEPs.

The county was further hit by news that land and property currently owned by Seeda will now be sold off to the highest bidder rather than passed into local authority control, sparking fears that important regeneration projects could be further delayed.

But culture secretary Jeremy Hunt said of the funding: "Rather than run any more competitions for projects, I intend, by July, to announce the allocation for every English local authority."

Meanwhile, the Kent branch of rural watchdog the Country Land and Business Association (CLA) has urged KCC to focus on the broadband 'not-spots' first when the council does eventually receive funding.

Chairman Judith Norris said the authority risked widening the urban-rural broadband divide if it did not.

She added: "Until we see rural areas universally provided with acceptable broadband, the CLA will continue to argue its 'Final Third First' policy, which promotes the provision of a decent broadband connection for rural areas with slow connections before money is spent improving the speed for those whose broadband is already at an acceptable level."

ENTERTAINMENT

Double trouble for our Vince as Lord Sugar points to the door

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SELF-CONFESSED perfectionist Vincent Disneur has become the latest victim of Lord Sugar's dreaded boardroom in a shock double-firing on hit TV show The Apprentice.

The 29-year-old, from Canterbury, saw his dreams crushed when he was given his marching orders by the business tycoon after failing to convince him of his talents.

Last Wednesday's episode of the award-wining BBC1 show saw Mr Disneur bite off more than he could chew in a task which saw his team challenged to create, brand and pitch a new pet food to industry experts.

The confident sales manager, who said his "very good looks" would make him stand out from the crowd, was appointed as project manager by Lord Sugar, in a bid to show his leadership skills.

But his team lost and in a tense final showdown, he battled it out with rivals Ellie Reed and Natasha Scribbins to stay in the contest. No sooner, however, had Alan Sugar told Ms Reed she was fired, he shocked viewers with a rare double-firing - and booted out Mr Disneur too.

Speaking afterwards, Mr Disneur admitted that when Ms Reed was given the chop he thought he had been let off.

He said: "I thought Lord Sugar would have a go at me and say step it up but he made the decision to fire me as well.



AND YOU'RE FIRED TOO: Vincent Disneur felt the full wrath of Lord Sugar in The Apprentice boardroom when he was fired alongside fellow contestant Ellie Reed

"It wasn't a big shock. Lord Sugar decided I'd be project manager and I wanted to go out there and give it my best.

"As soon as I knew we'd lost the task I thought it would be game over."

The newest series of the show differs from previous years in that the successful apprentice will no longer win a six-figure-salary job at one of Lord Sugar's businesses.

Instead, the winner and their business idea will form the basis of a partnership with Lord Sugar and an investment of up to £250,000.

In the run-up to the show, Mr Disneur, a former students at St Anselm's catholic school in Canterbury, was not shy in extolling his own virtues.

"Smart, vivacious, ambitious – people would describe me as very competitive, extremely passionate, a perfectionist; someone who occasionally likes to show off," he said.

"I have an unprecedented amount of business acumen. I'm a proven model in my industry – a best of breed within it – and I am currently shortlisted as the best sales personality of the year."

He added: "Is it arrogance? I don't think it's arrogance. It's confidence."



CRIME

Man sentenced over theft of meerkat from wildlife park

A MAN who stole a meerkat from a wildlife park and tried to keep it for a pet – before it escaped and froze to death – has been given a dressing down by magistrates.

Adam Catherick, 19, of Laburnum Avenue, Sandwich, admitted stealing the animal from Wingham Wildlife Park, near Canterbury, to impress his girlfriend.

He stuffed the animal, worth £1,500, into his bag.

But after taking it back to the house of his girlfriend, Debbie Smith, they struggled to control it.

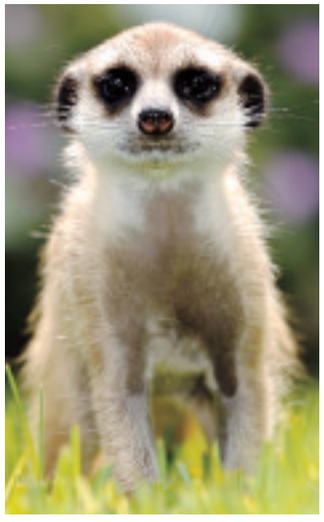
Then one night the meerkat escaped, climbing through the cat flap and onto the streets. But the freezing December temperatures killed the creature – more used to the heat and sun of Africa.

Catherick was tracked down because he took pictures of the animal to show his pals.

The dead animal was found in a rubbish bin by patrolling police.

Sentencing him at Folkestone Magistrates Court, bench chairman Miss Jan Cannon said: "This was an impulsive act and the poor animal died.

"The animal was stressed at being taken out of its familiar environment and it is clear you didn't know how to look after the animal properly."



SAD TALE: Meerkat was snatched from Wingham Wildlife Park and died after it escaped from its captor

Catherick was given a 60-day jail sentence suspended for a year and ordered to do 100 hours community work.

Catherick, who had admitted the theft at an earlier hearing, was influenced by seeing the cuddly animals on television adverts.

Sarah Jones, prosecuting, said Catherick and Smith went to Wingham Wildlife Park on December 29.

She said: "They were interacting with the meerkats and Catherick grabbed one of them and put it in his girlfriend's zip up bag.

"They tried to keep it at their home but because it wasn't behaving put it in a dog cage in the front room of her house.

"One night they heard the meerkat barking and when they went down it had gone. They thought it escaped through a cat flap."

When police interviewed him at his girlfriend's house they found two cannabis plants.

Catherick also smashed a car wing mirror near the court following a previous hearing.

Leanne James, defending, said: "This case has attracted immense publicity and has been more stressful than normal."

Catherick was ordered to pay £1,250 compensation and £85 costs.



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ART

Sea monster ready to drift into Triennial arts festival

THIS striking creature will be on display in Folkestone later this month as part of a host of attractions for the town's Triennial arts festival.

Opening on June 25, and running for three months, the event is set to attract worldwide attention.

Entitled A Million Miles from Home, it features the work of 19 international artists – among them Charles Avery and his 20-foot long sea monster. It will rest on the floor of a large room in Folkestone Library.

Behind the Triennial event is Andrea Schlieker, who said it is one of the most ambitious public art projects ever to be presented in the UK.



SPENDING

Stop cash drain on asylum children

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FAILED asylum-seeking children must be dealt with more quickly to limit the amount of money spent by Kent taxpayers on their care.

That is the message from the county council's cabinet member for specialist children's services, Cllr Jenny Whittle, regarding arrangements which require the authority to pay for over-18s until they are removed from the country.

Last year, KCC had a £2.7m shortfall in funding from the UK Border Agency (UKBA) for unnaccompanied asylum-seekers, with the need to support care-leavers a cause of a large proportion of these costs.

Cllr Whittle said: "It's a real burden for us to support young people who are categorised as 'all rights exhausted', as the UKBA is only duty-bound to cover their costs for up to three months after that process.

"It can take a long time to remove these young people from the country, and that can lead to all sorts of social tension, as we saw in Folkestone earlier this year [when 17-year-old Osman Sherzad was stabbed to death during a brawl involving about 30 Afghan youths].

"UKBA is responsible for removing children who are 'all rights exhausted' and we are putting pressure on them to speed up that process."

There are currently just over 800 unaccompanied asylum-seeking children in Kent. Despite no increase in UKBA funding levels for the current financial year, the council has forecast a reduced shortfall of £800,000 for their care.

Last week, public sector union Unison warned that government cuts in funding for the care of unaccompanied child asylum-seekers risked creating a two-tier system in some local authority areas, with asylum-seekers receiving significantly worse care.

However, Cllr Whittle said KCC was not expecting the 15 per cent cut warned by the union.

She said: "KCC leader Paul Carter has been campaigning for some years to get a fairer settlement for Kent, and we are working very closely with the UKBA to come up with a deal where it would give us £750,000 to reduce the funding shortfall but only if we reduce things like accommodation costs.

"It's certainly not the case that there is a two-tier system in Kent. We have an excellent assessment and reception centre for asylum-seeking children, which has received very good reviews from the Children's Commissioner.

"A potential funding cut of 15 per cent has not been flagged up to us and is not an issue of concern for us at the moment. However, we will of course be keeping a close eye on the situation."

Hugh Ind, UKBA regional director for London and the South East, said: "We are working with KCC to ensure we remove those individuals who have no right to remain in the UK at the earliest opportunity."

RESCUE

Lifeboats called to Channel crash

THERE was drama on Wednesday night when life crews had to be called after two boats collided in the middle of the English Channel.

And as the picture (right) clearly shows, one was sinking. Life crews from both Dover and Calais were called out, along with an RAF Sea King helicopter, at around 6.15pm to reports of one vessel sinking and its occupants taking to life rafts.

The two small motorboats involved were both heading back to Dover when the collision occurred. One sustained



damage to its stern and steering whilst the second vessel's hull was fractured, causing her to sink.

Three of the people from the more damaged craft were picked up by the helicopter and flown back to Dover.

The remaining man initially stayed aboard to assist in keeping the craft afloat, but was eventually taken aboard Dover lifeboat as the situation deteriorated.

Both craft were towed back to shore.

The RNLI's Martin Phillips, in command of Dover Lifeboat during the emergency, said: "This was a serious incident with fortunately a good outcome for the individuals involved and an excellent multi-agency multinational response to their predicament."

No-one was injured.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Peer's fertility trip

LEADING scientist and fertility expert Lord Winston has opened a new fertility centre at a private hospital in Kent.

Renowned for his work in the fertility field and for successful TV shows about science, the Labour peer was at Benenden Hospital near Cranbrook on Wednesday.

Jane Abbott, the hospital's director, said: "His work in relation to reproductive medicine, particularly IVF, has had a direct bearing on the treatment and services we are able to offer."

Date with the Queen

AN heroic Gurkha has been presented with a top bravery medal by the Queen.

Cpl Dipprasad Pun, 31, from Ashford, received the Conspicuous Gallantry Cross at Buckingham Palace – the UK's second highest bravery medal – and admitted being "very proud".

He received it this week in recognition of single-handedly fighting off at least a dozen Taliban insurgents which had attacked his base in Afghanistan.

£20m cash boost

THE promoter of this year's Hop Farm Festival says the three-day music extravaganza will inject some £15-20million into the local economy.

Vince Power says the event at Paddock Wood will see some 120,000 people flock to see the likes of Prince, Morrissey and The Eagles perform over the course of July 1-3. See pages 12-13 for a full interview with Mr Power.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Dirty Den for panto

LEGENDARY soap villain Leslie Grantham – aka Dirty Den from EastEnders – will perform at Sevenoaks' Stag Theatre pantomime.

He will play the Demon King in Mother Goose alongside The Demon Headmaster star Terrence Hardiman. The panto runs from December 9 to January 1.

Panto producer Jamie Wilson said: "Securing the actor who played the legendary Den Watts is massive news for the town, and very exciting."

Dreamland purchase

A COMPULSORY purchase order was served on the Dreamland site in Margate on Friday as council chiefs got tough in their mission to regenerate the site.

The site is owned by Margate Town Centre Regneration Company. The council is working in partnership with the Dreamland Trust to create an historic theme park for the area.

It comes after negotiations had failed to see the transfer of the freehold of the cinema building and land.

Dig at college site

ARCHAELOGISTS digging at the site of a proposed new campus for K College have failed to find any additional traces of the Roman road and Second World War air raid shelter.

They were called in to the site of the development at Elwick Road, Ashford, as part of the college's bid to win planning consent for the scheme. If approved, it could be open by 2013.

SPORT

MP demands Fifa corruption probe

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CORRUPTION at the top of football must be stamped out if supporters are to have any confidence in the game, says an influentual Kent MP.

Damian Collins – the Conservative member for Folkestone and Hythe – has called for a major shake-up at Fifa following a series of damaging allegations aimed at several of the world governing body's most senior members.

But his calls may fall on deaf ears after Sepp Blatter was re-elected as the organisation's president for another four years on Wednesday.

Among the principles Mr Collins says are essential for reform are independent scrutiny, democratic decision-making, open and public governance, shared power and transparent finances.

He added: "We in Parliament have a voice and I think we should use it; that's where the pressure on Fifa can come from. We need to speak on behalf of football fans around the world.

"It's important that we have confidence in the governing body of football because it's the world's game. If we don't have that confidence at the very top of the sport then how can anyone expect us to have it at grass roots level?"



PRESIDENT: Re-elected Sepp Blatter is among the Fifa executives accused

Mr Collins is a member of the Culture, Media and Sport Committee and was among those who quizzed former FA chairman Lord Triesman about the bidding process for the 2018 World Cup last month.

At the hearing Lord Triesman, who was initially chairman of England's losing bid team, accused four Fifa members of improper behaviour, including one who had allegedly asked him to arrange a knighthood.

"The more you get into it, the more people will privately tell you they have concerns about the way Fifa is run," said Mr Collins.

"Some very serious allegations have been made which warrant a full and serious investigation.

"Fifa is in a position where more than a third of its executive committee have had accusations levelled against them, including its president Sepp Blatter.

"That tells you there is a serious problem with the way Fifa does its business, and that it must take steps to prove it is a clean, open and honest organisation."

Blatter retained his position as Fifa president in an unopposed election after the only other candidate for the job, Mohamed Bin Hammam, pulled out when he was suspended over corruption allegations.

Sponsors associated with Fifa, including Coca-Cola, Adidas, Emirates and Visa, have also expressed their concern at the damage the allegations of corruption are causing the organisation.

Meanwhile, Chatham and Aylesford MP Tracey Crouch has been told she can no longer play alongside men in the Parliamentary football team.

The FA recently took over the running of the team but its rules state that only girls aged 13 and under can play in mixed-sex sides.

Ms Crouch said: "It's ridiculous to apply those rules to the Parliamentary football team. It's hardly the Premier League."

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LONDON OLYMPICS

Expert doubts Olympics' sporting legacy

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A PROMISE to increase sports participation through the legacy of the Olympic Games may be doomed to fail, warns a leading academic.

Dr Sakis Pappous, of the University of Kent's Centre for Sport Studies, says that research of the 2004 Games in Athens shows that the effect of the Olympics on sustained sporting activity is open to doubt.

However, the scholar admits it is not an exact science and that Lord Coe and the rest of the organising committee may succeed where Greece failed.

"There was a short-lived increase in sports participation in Greece of six per cent between 2003 and 2004," said Dr Pappous.

"However, five years after the Games, the percentage of people saying they exercise regularly had plummeted by 13 per cent to a level that was significantly lower than even the period before the Olympics.

"Moreover, it is not even clear that the short-lived increase in those exercising regularly was down to the Games effect, as Greece won football's Euro 2004 that year, which may have influenced sports participation."

Despite Dr Pappous' warning, politicians in Kent are confident of creating their own sporting legacy through the Kent School Games.

Held for the first time in 2008, the biannual competition has been a huge success involving more than 30,000 young people competing in 38 sports and disability events.

Double Olympic gold-medallist Dame Kelly Holmes is among those to have publicly backed the event, which was the inspiration for the Government's proposed new School Olympics programme.

But on a national level, Dr Pappous – who worked as a supervisor for the Organising Committee of the Athens Olympics and Paralympics – warns that the Games may only have a temporary impact on sports participation.

He said: "The data for the Greek population suggests that, if a broader strategy towards an active lifestyle is not implemented, then sporting excitement on its own will not sustain participation.

"It will be really interesting to see if London organisers achieve their ambitious plans and manage to turn the UK into a more active nation, or whether the results will have the same firework effect that we found in Athens.

"Will the enthusiasm for sport extinguish at the same time as the Olympic flame is put out in London? We will have to wait and see."

Last month it was announced that the Olympic torch will stop off at both Dover and Maidstone en route to the Olympic Stadium for the opening ceremony next year.

Almost 150 Kent businesses have won upper-tier contracts in helping to deliver a successful Games, while the county is also expected to receive a £324 million boost from tourism alone.



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DROWNING

River death of young boy raises safety concerns

By Mathew Beech
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A RESCUER who pulled a teenager out of the River Medway just hours before a 12-year-old boy drowned has demanded more safety measures to prevent another tragedy.

Schoolboy Alex Chappell had been playing with friends on a rope swing above the river on Monday afternoon in Tovil, near Maidstone.

The non-swimmer slipped and fell into the water and despite a frantic attempt to save him, emergency services were unable to resuscitate the youngster.

Vanessa Everett, headteacher of Astor of Hever School, paid tribute to her student: "Alex was a very popular boy who will be greatly missed by his friends and teachers.

"Our thoughts and prayers are very much with his parents and family."

Earlier the same day, a 19-year-old man was minutes away from drowning further down stream, before being pulled to safety.

Thomas Long fell into the river at about 4am and was unable to swim to safety.

Colin Wallis, 41, spotted him in the water and immediately called 999 before starting a rescue attempt. He jumped down onto a moored boat, waking up the owner. The pair then launched an inflatable dinghy and managed to pull the struggling teen to safety, before paramedics started treating him for hypothermia.

Mr Wallis believes that incidents such as these could be avoided if further precautions and warnings are implemented along the river.

He said: "There are not enough notices along the river. There should be information on boards telling people about the dangers and the depth of the river.

"There's also a high drop from the walkway to the river and there are no railings there, only along where the steps are.

"I think we need safety rails along the river; ones that lift up to open and close so that boats can still moor up there for the river festival."

These latest two incidents come only six weeks after a 14-year-old drowned in the river following a kayaking accident.

On Sunday, April 17, Cameron Sandell capsized at Teston Lock and was unable to right himself.

Joe Giacomelli, spokesman for the Environment Agency, which is responsible for the UK's waterways, said: "We want people to enjoy being on or near rivers, but they need to stay safe.

"We always seek to improve water safety where possible, and we believe that educating people about the risks is a key part of that.

"We work very hard to spread water safety messages to parents and young people, and all those who take part in recreation activities on, in and around our waterways."

COMPENSATION

£100k for officer bitten by HIV asylum seeker

A CUSTODY officer bitten on the face by an HIV-positive asylum seeker has won more than £100,000 compensation.

Barbara-Ann Ennis, 40, from Ashford, now suffers from depression and post-traumatic stress disorder as a result of the unprovoked attack, which took place at Gatwick Airport in August, 2006.

The Army veteran, who was decorated for service in Bosnia and Iraq, sued her former employer – the security firm G4S Ltd – after it emerged the same detainee had bitten another officer just days before.

Ms Ennis revealed how she had to undergo six months of HIV treatment before doctors gave her the all-clear.

The woman who bit Ms Ennis, Sylvia Fileingoshisho, was later jailed for three years for the attack.

Ms Ennis received an out-of-court settlement from the firm after her psychological issues forced her into unemployment at the end of 2007.

G4S said: "We reviewed the recommendations of the investigation following this incident and incorporated those which were appropriate."

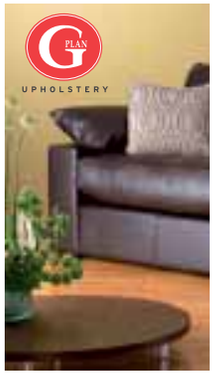


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LEADING FROM THE FRONT: Lt Oliver Augustin died when he was caught in the blast of an improvised explosive device in Helmand Province

WAR

Tributes paid to 'beautiful boy' killed on the Afghan frontline

By Mathew Beech
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PARENTS of a Royal Marine from Dartford, killed in action in Afghanistan, have paid a moving tribute to their "loved and cherished" son.

Lieutenant Oliver Augustin, 23, died after being caught up in the blast of an improvised explosive device on Friday, May 27, only six months after being sent to the frontline.

Lt Augustin was leading a patrol tasked to disrupt insurgent activity in the Nad Ali district of Helmand Province.

Lt Augustin – Ollie to family and friends – had only completed his officer training in December. His first appointment in the Marines was in command of the fire support group, Juliet Company, of the 42 Commando Royal Marines.

His mother and father, Jane and Sean, said: "Ollie was a much loved and cherished son. He was a beautiful boy who we were very proud of.

"He had many friends that he loved and who loved him in return. His warmth and humour lit a room and infected all around him.

"He dealt with people in a thoughtful and compassionate way. His independence and sense of adventure meant that he embraced life and his chosen path.

"Ollie, we will all love and miss you forever."

Lieutenant Colonel Ewen Murchison, Commanding Officer, 42 Commando Royal Marines, Coalition Force Nad Ali (North), said: "Lt Ollie Augustin was a troop commander with considerable potential and a bright future ahead of him.

"Despite only passing for duty a matter of months ago, he had already made a considerable impact within Juliet Company and across the unit.

"A charismatic young man, with a keen sense of humour, he was the life and soul of any gathering and touched all those who had dealings with him.

"As a leader he was inspirational, passionate and selfless, putting the welfare of his men above all else. They adored him and looked to him for direction, but looked on him as a brother in arms.

"At the time his life was tragically cut short he was characteristically leading from the front, taking the fight to the enemy; his audacity, commitment and courage clear for all to see."

The former Dartford Grammar School student left aged 18 for a year of travelling abroad and during this time spent two months teaching at a Kenyan school, and six months working in Australia.

On his return and whilst applying to join the Royal Marines as a commissioned officer, he studied at Bexley College and worked as a plasterer, beginning his officer training in 2009.

Lt Augustin was killed alongside Marine Sam Alexander, from London.

In 2009 Marine Alexander was awarded the Military Cross for gallantry and leaves behind a wife and young son.

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EDUCATION

School's £10 million project to give Dickens' home back to the people

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HISTORIC: Charles Dickens pictured smoking a cigarette outside Gad's Hill Place which has been used as a school since the 1920s

THERE can be very few headteachers whose place of work is the study in which some of the most glittering works of English literature were penned by one of the world's foremost authors.

When the children at the same school eat their meals in the very room that author died, you are aware of being somewhere rather special.

Because the author in question is Charles Dickens, and for the first time since his death in 1870, his former home is to be opened to the public.

Gad's Hill Place, a Grade I-listed Georgian property in Higham, near Rochester, is where the author wrote such classics as Great Expectations and A Tale of Two Cities.

It has been used by Gad's Hill independent school, the site's owner, since the 1920s. But next week the school will start work on a scheme to develop a new £10 million building in the grounds of the old house – paving the way for Gad's Hill Place to be turned into a museum and world heritage centre – a project which is expected to attract visitors from across the globe.

The ground-breaking for the new build at the Gravesend Road site will take place on June 9 – the 141st anniversary of Dickens' death.

Headmaster of the school, David Craggs, has long campaigned for pupils to vacate the historic and increasingly fragile 18th century house and for Dickens' home to be opened to visitors on a permanent basis.

He said: "While it is a real, and extremely rare, honour to be able to learn English in what was Charles Dickens' bedroom, it's no longer practical for our growing number of pupils to use this building. I will miss the unique privilege of running a school from the great man's own study, but eagerly await the completion of the new school buildings as they will provide a cornerstone for future success and will be better suited to educating children in the 21st century.

"All the pupils, parents and staff are looking forward to being in their new home by 2012."

The heritage centre is due to open to coincide with the 200th anniversary of Dickens' birth.

Marion Dickens, trustee of the centre and Dickens' great-great-granddaughter, said: "Since the house was turned into a school, public access to it has been very limited. Now, for the first time, people who love the books will be able to visit his home."

Clague Architects have been deeply involved in this scheme since its outset in 2006.

Andrew Clague said: "When all is completed, the school will have exceptional premises and the public will have access to a house that 'creaks' with its Dickens' history.

"The architectural idea is that the school will always be closely linked with the mansion and it forms part of the key view on entering the school. The mansion environs will be cleared of buildings that spoil its relationship with the countryside and it will be available to the public."

Dickens lived at Gad's Hill Place from 1856, until his death 14 years later in what is now the school dining room. At the time he was working on his final novel, The Mystery of Edwin Drood.

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THE MAN: Organiser Vince Power, right, brought Bob Dylan to the Hop Farm Festival last year

FESTIVAL

Vince and the New Power Generation

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FOR anyone who has been in the music industry at any stage over the last 20 years, the name Vince Power carries significant weight.

Because the no-nonsense Irishman whose reputation proceeds him to such an extent it arrives, stays overnight and enjoys a leisurely breakfast before his physical form appears, can be credited with much of the current renaissance experienced in the UK festival scene.

Having built up his Mean Fiddler live music venue empire from humble beginnings and selling it for millions, his CV includes vital stints assisting turning around the fortunes of such events as Reading and Glastonbury festivals.

Today, he is the man behind the Hop Farm Festival – a three-day musical celebration staged at the Paddock Wood venue which, he estimates, is directly responsible for injecting up to £20 million into the local economy.

And, for his latest trick, he has pulled yet another rabbit out of his deep, fur-lined hat.

They say the best things come in small packages. And for Mr Power, that package was finally delivered to him in a purple silk box and wearing a pair of high heels; Prince.

The Purple Rain star may well have long lost



TAKE IT EASY: The Eagles headline the first day

his commercial clout in terms of record sales, but his reputation as a live performer is rarely surpassed. The last time he was on these shores he played a remarkable record-breaking run of 21 nights at London's O2 Arena in 2007.

For the Hop Farm Festival, it represents a shot in the arm in terms of credibility and reputation. With a carefully crafted unique selling proposition of no branding and no VIP areas, the event has managed to stand out in an intensely competitive marketplace with some fine signings.

The Eagles perform their only UK show of the year on the Friday night. The trio of Iggy Pop, Lou Reed and Morrissey spearhead the Saturday. And then there's Prince.

"There was a big competition to get him," Mr

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MUSICOLOGY: Extra time has been added to the festival as Prince is to play the third day

Power explains from his London offices, as he surveys the impact, and column inches, of unveiling his Sunday night headline act.

"He was offered deals with various promoters, but he liked what we were doing here with the no branding. He liked the non-corporate thing."

Tied up as his only UK show of the year, it saw the performer top a list of acts aimed fairly and squarely at a demographic oozing disposable income and a desire to relive their youth.

"The first two years it was hard," Mr Power admits when he reflects on his Hop Farm experience. "Last year [with Bob Dylan headlining] it seemed to turn the corner. And now, if you look at the major acts on the bill, we're up there with all the major festivals."

Originally scheduled for just two days this year, the signing of Prince saw a third added.

Explains Mr Power: "It was always our intention to do three days eventually, but sometimes it is difficult to get the acts you want. You cannot just book anyone. You have to get the acts right. The integrity is very important to us."

All the artists are playing, as is the norm for festivals, for a flat fee. Normal shows would see them play for a guaranteed sum and then a percentage of the profits. Not that the fixed rate necessarily guarantees a certain set-list.

"The benefit to the artist of a festival is that you give them exposure to a huge amount of people who may not have seen them before," Mr Power explains. It's a quicker way of getting exposure.

"I've no idea what Prince, for example, is going to do with his set. I wouldn't dare to interfere in his artistic decision. All I do know for sure is that he's going to be on stage in Kent and he'll do what he wants on the day."

This year's event, Mr Power estimates, will see 120,000 people; a mix of those there for the duration and day-ticket holders.

With the meat of the legends, the dish has been spiced up with a splattering of contemporary performers to appeal to younger age groups, including rapper Tinie Tempah, The Killers' frontman Brandon Flowers, and Death Cab for Cutie.

The phrase 'family-friendly' is en vogue in the increasingly crowded world of the music festival, and Vince Power is no mug.

"Kids under 12 go free. It's great to encourage families," says Mr Power. "People love the idea of being there and camping. There is a sense of camaraderie at a festival. You wouldn't speak to people normally at a bus stop, but at a festival everyone's your friend."

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JUSTICE

Prison hell after false paedophile claim

By Steve Knight
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WHEN Nik Greene's adopted daughter falsely accused him of sexually assaulting her, he was instantly labelled a paedophile and sent to a dangerous French prison.

While there he was beaten, raped and even left to hang by fellow inmates who refused to believe he was innocent, as his solicitor and loving wife Trudy worked tirelessly to help him clear his name.

But Mr Greene, who moved to the Limousin area of France from St Margaret's, near Dover, in 2004, lived to tell the tale. And now he has won a top award for a book he wrote about the three-year ordeal.

Entitled False Accusations: Guilty Until Proven Innocent, the memoir reveals how the author eventually overcame what he describes as an "archaic, biased" French legal system to win his life back.

"Writing the book started off as a cathartic way for me to cope with what happened," said Mr Greene. "I'm a big guy and had never been frightened of anything, but this slaughtered me. I thought I was going to go to prison for 20 years and that left me completely devastated.

"I'm a psychologist so I know how important it is for people to go through the grieving process. Writing this book has helped me amazingly because it's forced me to talk to people about what happened. I've expressed my feelings and haven't held them in.

"I still get nightmares about my time in prison. Although I had to lie about why I was there – I told people it was for computer fraud – there were those who knew the real story, like the guards, and word got around, hence the attacks.

"On one occasion I was held down by several prisoners and raped by a big Russian guy.

"When he finished he hurled me up to a window and left me hanging there by a towel. If I hadn't pulled myself up on the bars I would have died very quickly."

Mr Greene's adopted daughter, whose name has been changed in the book to protect her identity, came from a troubled background and made the accusations to a schoolteacher in October, 2006.

He was remanded in custody for two months but released on bail when psychological tests determined he was unlikely to be a paedophile and posed no threat to the general public. But it took until August, 2009, for Mr Greene to be cleared of all charges.

Mr Greene, who plans to return to Kent and move to Birchington, near Margate, said: "I held my emotions together for my family but when I found out I had been cleared I just fell apart.

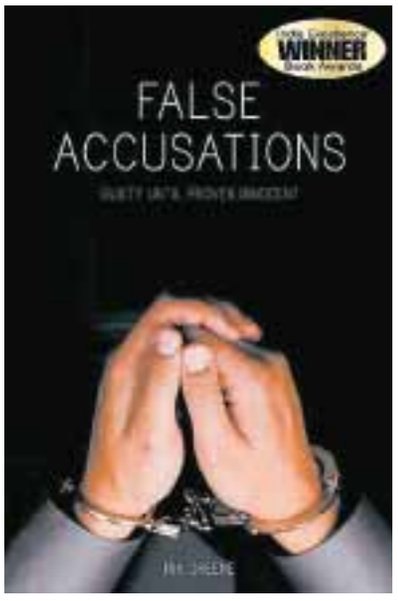
"I immediately called my friend and when he turned up 10 minutes later he had to pick me up off the floor. It was relief but also anguish at everything I had gone through, and all of it for nothing."

Last month, False Accusations was named the winner in the Best Non-Fiction category of America's National Indie Excellence Awards.

Mr Greene, 46, said he hoped the book would teach people not to prejudge others, no matter how serious the crimes they may have been accused of.

"I want people to think before they do stupid things," he said. "Recently I walked into a French supermarket and was verbally abused by an Englishman who recognised me as the person these allegations had been made about. I want people to think about how they would feel if that sort of thing happened to them when they were innocent."

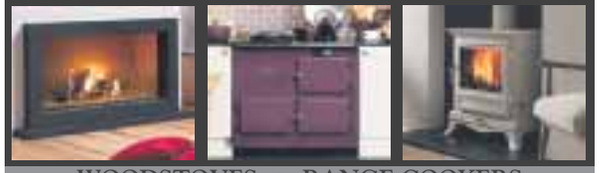
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"The woman, a 66-year-old from Canterbury, was not struck or injured by the train and was subsequently sectioned under the Mental Health Act.

"Paramedics from the South East Coast Ambulance Service attended and the woman was taken to hospital for a mental health assessment."

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HOLIDAY

Dream holiday turned into living hell by sickness bug

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A HOTELIER whose own holiday was ruined by illness says he is not surprised about a dramatic increase in complaints made about cruise operators.

Travel law experts at solicitors Irwin Mitchell have published their annual register of the five worst holiday destinations, and cruises top the list with almost a third of all complaints received.

Reuben Love, 54, and wife Kate, 41, who run the Crown Inn at Chislehurst, were looking forward to a 12-day tour of the Balkans but ended up spending the majority of their holiday ill in their cabins.

They are now taking legal action against Royal Caribbean in a bid for compensation.

Mr Love said: "I'd always wanted to go on a cruise and to go to Russia, so I thought this was going to be my dream holiday but it turned out to be the worst couple of weeks of my life.

"The first few days were fine but then everybody got so ill from a gastro-intestinal virus. We couldn't get near the medical centre because the queue was so long.



CABIN FEVER: Reuben and Kate Love caught stomach bug

"Three days we tried to get down there because nobody would come up to us. It was as if they didn't want to know because it wasn't their problem."

Mr Love was incensed by a letter he received that said the couple's illness had been caused by their own poor hygiene.

"That really got me going," he said. "We run a hotel so cleanliness and hygiene are top of our list of priorities. Everything has to be immaculate."

According to Irwin Mitchell, 32 per cent of all complaints to the firm are from people who have been on cruise holidays.

Egypt is second in the list followed by Turkey, Spain and the Dominican Republic.

Clive Garner, head of Irwin Mitchell's travel law team, said: "The underlying causes of illness across these cases is a failure to implement reasonable standards of health, safety and hygiene. Although these problems are being highlighted time and again, not enough is being done to rectify them.

A spokesman for Royal Caribbean said: "As this matter is in the hands of lawyers and subject to formal legal proceedings we are unable to comment in regard to this specific case.

"We can advise, however, that our ships follow recognised and approved procedures and the health and safety of all our guests and crew is of the utmost priority."

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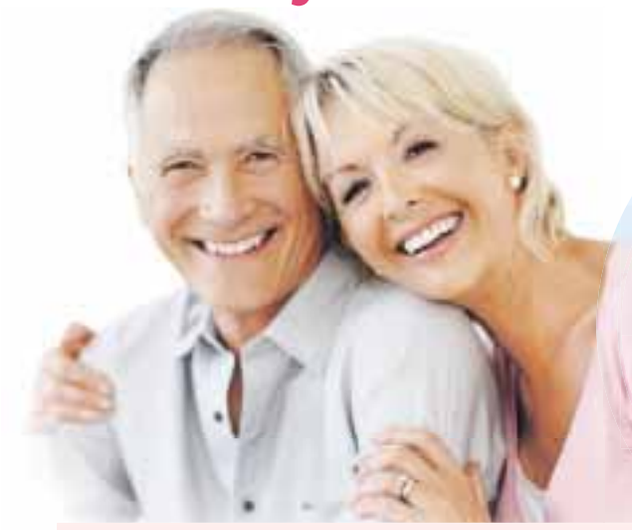


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RESTORED: The grave of Lord Darnley and his wife Florence has now been restored and re-dedicated



SPORT

Improvements restore grave of the Ashes' former owners



By Marijke Cox
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A LONG-FORGOTTEN grave of the original owners of the legendary Ashes has been re-dedicated in a special ceremony attended by the Australian High Commissioner.

It followed two years of work by the Cricket Society, which launched a major fundraising campaign for the restoration of the grave of the Honourable Ivo Bligh, the 8th Earl of Darnley, and his wife Florence Morphy at the St Mary Magdelene Church in Cobham.

The couple had kept the Ashes – the iconic trophy of the celebrated Test cricket series between England and Australia – at their home at Cobham Hall, near Gravesend, from 1883 until the death of Ivo, who had become Lord Darnley, when Florence passed it over to Marylebone Cricket Club (better known as the MCC) where it remains, on display at their headquarters at Lord's.

Their grave lay unnoticed for decades, falling into disrepair, until the Cricket Society launched a campaign to bring it back to its former glory.

Australian High Commissioner John Dauth joined the present Earl of Darnley, representatives from Kent County Cricket Club and about 140 others to celebrate the re-dedication of the grave.

Howard Milton, librarian at the Cricket Society, said the outcome of the campaign was a great success and that it was a memorable day.

"I was thrilled with the reaction of the Darnley family and the Australian High Commissioner, who was our special and most welcome guest," he said.



HISTORIC TROPHY: The Ashes

"The Cricket Society hopes that with this restoration this long forgotten memorial will be given its just place among the many historical attractions of Cobham village, offering to cricket followers an opportunity to pay their respects to a couple whose place in cricket history is assured."

The Ashes were created in 1882 during a cricketing tour of Australia. It followed a previous England loss at the Oval in an earlier Test series.

A newspaper had written a mock obituary to English cricket joking that its body would be cremated and the ashes sent to Australia.

The following winter's tour was billed as an attempt to reclaim the Ashes and the English team was successful.

A group of women from Melbourne, including Florence Morphy with whom Ivo Bligh fell in love, presented him with a terracotta urn containing the burnt bails of the 1882 tour and what became known simply as the Ashes travelled back with him to England and stayed at his and his new wife's home in Cobham Hall until 1927.

The Ashes have remained the symbol and trophy of the celebrated Test series.

The re-dedication service was conducted by the Archdeacon of Rochester, the Venerable Simon Burton-Jones, and the Priest-in-Charge, Cobham and Luddesdowne, Reverend Angela Walker.

Mr Milton spoke of the grave's significance, recounting the history of the famous urn.

Canon Christopher Byers, past president of the Kent County Cricket Supporters' Club, gave an address and Michael Baker, grandson of the famous architect Sir Herbert Baker who designed the grave, spoke of its architectural importance.

Mr Milton added: "While the attendance of the Australian High Commissioner who created a fine impression, taking various Ashes comments in good part, was a major coup for the society, a little disappointing was the lack of any England Test cricketers, past or present, to appear, despite our chairman's Herculean efforts. But this did nothing to spoil a memorable day."

Contributors to the restoration campaign were the MCC, Kent County Cricket Supporters Club, the Cricket Writers' Club, and Sir Tim Rice, the famous lyricist and cricket enthusiast, through his charitable trust.



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PAMPERING

Beauty and the Beast

By Marijke Cox
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THE quest for the latest beauty treatments has taken many twists and turns over the generations. But springing up in a number of the county's high streets in recent months has come one of the most unusual – foot-nibbling fish.

Because the slippery Garra Rufa has become the latest must-have weapon in the pedicurist's arsenal when it comes to happy feet.

The fish, which are native to Middle Eastern river basins and originally discovered in the hot springs of Kengal in Turkey, are experts in exfoliation, cleansing and softening of the skin. In other words, they use their suction cup mouths to eat the dead skin on the foot, while leaving healthy skin well alone. And having proved a hit in the spas and beauty parlours of the US, the craze is now firmly in the UK.

It sounds a bit unpleasant, but the growing number of converts insist it is nothing other than a little bit ticklish, while there are also said to be health benefits too.

Sufferers of skin conditions, such as psoriasis and eczema, have found the treatment alleviates symptoms – although this has been disputed by some – and the movement of the fish has also been proved to help circulation.

Already in Kent there are outlets offering the treatment in Tunbridge Wells, Ashford and Folkestone.

But despite the boom in interest, there are critics of using the fish for beauty treatments.

Dr Andrew Kelly, the RSPCA's head of wildlife, recently said: "The Health Protection Agency is currently investigating the practice from a human health perspective and the practice has been banned in 14 states in the USA due to public health concerns.



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"It is claimed that 'an enzyme secreted in the saliva of the fish does a great job of treating common skin conditions such as psoriasis and eczema'. In most vertebrates saliva does not contain enzymes, and in any case, salivary glands are rarely found in fish."

In addition, it raised fears over the health of the creatures being used.

Carolyn Lorimer is the managing director of the new Mizu Spa Fish Pedicure Experience in Folkestone, a newly opened high-end beauty venue which is aware of the concerns – but believes it is doing everything possible to ensure both fish and human emerge from the process enriched.

She explains: "Each of our tanks is filled with over 100 Garra Rufa of a variety of sizes.

"Our priority is health and safety of both our customers and our fish.

"We've gone above and beyond to ensure there are no health issues here. We also have a dedicated and professional team of staff who make sure there is no risk of infections through checking and cleaning customers' feet before they enter the tanks, which are also regularly cleaned."

And despite some people perhaps being squeamish over the unusual treatment, customers have heaped praise on both the spa and the unusual treatment.

"After ten seconds of laughing, I sat back and relaxed and let the fish go to work. It feels like a massage and you forget that it's fish nibbling your feet," said customer Mary Smith.

The service is priced at £10 for a ten minute session or £20 for half an hour, and business is proving brisk.

The strange, sucker-faced Garra Rufa fish are, it would seem, here to stay.

Reporter Marijke Cox tries her hand - or should that be feet - at some quality time with the Garra Rufa fish, courtesy of Mizu Spa in Folkestone

AS A sufferer of uncontrollable giggles at the slightest touch on my feet, I was slightly dubious about having them nibbled by a team of fish.

Nonetheless, I wasn't about to pass up the opportunity of having my hard, worn-out feet brought back into tip top shape, especially ahead of the summer when, after months of hibernating in big boots, they were about to make their first seasonal appearance in a pair of flip-flops.

On entering, the Japanese style and fresh, clean feel of the place took away any squeamish fears of fish eating my feet – this was a professional spa and not the beginning of some piranha-themed horror story.

The staff immediately made me feel at ease as I peered into the tanks to take a look at the unusual pedicurists.

After a wash of my embarrassingly un-girly, size eight feet, I was slipped into a pair of towelling flip flops and escorted over to a tank where I was instructed to sit down, put my feet together and dunk them in.

The first five seconds I laughed so loudly at being tickled that the rest of the customers in the shop looked over strangely, but after that the feeling developed into a massaging sensation.

If you don't look down you would be forgiven for thinking you were getting a massage from a foot spa.

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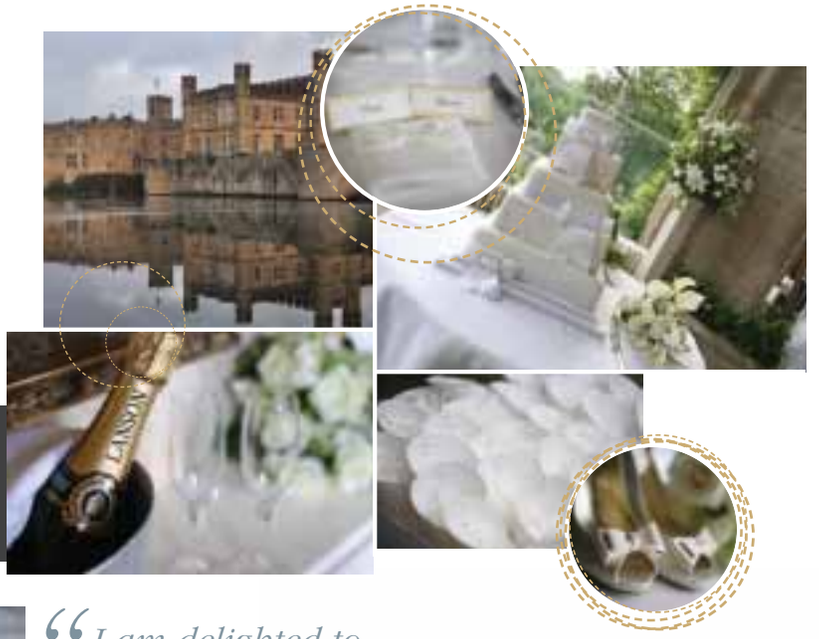
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ANGLO-FRENCH RELATIONS

How companies could profit from the French connection

By Steve Knight
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CROSS-Channel business leaders are being encouraged to work together to help improve Anglo-French relations.

Economic and political dignitaries from across the Opal Coast region – which includes Calais, Boulogne and Dunkirk – took part in a public debate last week when they agreed to step up their efforts to become better neighbours with Kent and the rest of the South East.

A key part of the discussion centered around the Trans-Manche Metro – a proposed new rail service linking Kent with northern France, which would provide commuters with regular high-speed trains from Calais to Ashford through the Channel Tunnel.

This, the leaders say, will enable people to live in France but work in England, and vice versa.



BUSINESS PARTNERS: Bid to build Anglo-French relations

"There's plenty of room on the tracks, at the stations and in the tunnel," said Thaddée Segard of Opal Link, which organised the public debate.

"Eurotunnel only uses about 57 per cent of the space available and technology has improved a lot over the last 10 years, meaning you can now run more trains inside.

"The Trans-Manche Metro would give more people the option of living on either side of the Channel, as it might make more sense for some to live in France but work in England or live in England but work in France.

"It could also have a big impact for companies that want to forge business relationships with firms on the other side. It could make more financial sense for a Kent firm to put money in France than it would to invest in, say, Yorkshire or Scotland."

Mr Segard has been campaigning for the Trans-Manche Metro to get the go-ahead since 2007, and is confident it could be in place before next year's Olympics in London.

In the meantime Opal Link plans to work with groups including Kent County Council and the Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce to forge stronger cross-Channel relationships between residents and businesses.

One of the ways Mr Segard is already doing this is by translating articles in Archant KOS Media titles – publishers of this newspaper – into French.

He said. "In northern France we are much more like the people in the South East of England than in, say, Marseilles. In the Middle Ages we even used to speak the same language.

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By Chris Britcher
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AS KEEN runner Kay Bailey crossed the line at last year's Race for Life she was full of nothing but pride in her achievement and the knowledge she had raised vital funds for a good cause.

But just four days later her life fell apart as she was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma – cancer of the lymph nodes.

She had thought the lump in her neck was glandular fever.

"I never thought for one moment it would be cancer," she explained.

The mother-of-four had no idea she was seriously ill and had always lived a fit and healthy life.

After losing her father to cancer and her mother surviving a brain tumour, Mrs Bailey, a member of Thanet Roadrunners, had previously run five London Marathons and ten Cancer Research UK Race for Life events, raising more than £6,000 for the charity.

Now 48, and told she's in remission after three months of chemotherapy and three weeks of radiotherapy, she's more determined than ever to encourage women to line up and help support Cancer Research UK's life-saving work – and compete in this year's Race for Life events.

The supermarket worker explains: "The whole experience has been a real eye-opener. To be on the other side and a survivor you really appreciate where the money raised for Cancer Research UK goes.

"But sadly there are too many people that are not as fortunate as myself, so we need to keep raising money to support the great work of the dedicated scientists, doctors and nurses who investigate how best to prevent, diagnose and treat the disease."

She will be putting her best foot forward at the Race for Life in Palm Bay, Margate, on Sunday, July 24.

What's more, her 12-year-old twin daughters Chantelle and Tanya have been invited to officially launch the event by starting the Race for Life clock.

Race for Life organisers admit they fear falling short of their targets this year, and are making a big push to raise awareness of the 5k race – which can be run, jogged or walked. All money raised in sponsorship goes to support the fight against cancer.

Hayley Reynolds, Race for Life event manager for Kent, said: "Race for Life is a unique celebration of sisterhood and pride.

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READY TO RACE: Kay Bailey will be taking part in this year's Race for Life in Margate, supported by daughters Chantelle and Tanya

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"This year we hope more women than ever before will take part. We need our Race for Life regulars, as well as women who took part years ago, to join together with many new faces to help save more lives."

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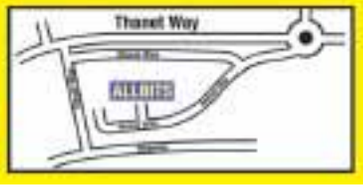
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Sharp spike in puppies abandoned by owners

By Jenna Pudelek
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AN ANIMAL rescue centre has seen a huge rise in the number of unwanted Staffordshire bull terriers it receives as they are bred as 'status dogs' or for fighting.

Foal Farm, which is based in Biggin Hill, said the increase meant that 80 per cent of calls received by their dog team were now from Staffie owners who felt unable to cope and wanted their pet rehomed.

A litter of nine abandoned Staffie puppies are among the latest arrivals at the charity.

The pups are now nine-weeks-old and were taken in, along with their mother, at just four-weeks-old. They had a mystery gastric virus and needed round-the-clock veterinary care costing more than £1,000, but they have fully recovered and can be rehomed.

Kim Puttock, the charity's chief executive, said: "The Staffie is a particularly energetic breed and without the right level of stimulation they can become unmanageable. By the age of two many owners have the canine equivalent of bored teenagers on their hands and feel they can't cope.

"Staffies and Staffie cross dogs have had a bad press but are essentially good natured. It's when they are in the hands of irresponsible owners that problems arise. The majority brought to us could make perfectly good pets with the right owners."

She said the number of unwanted Staffies ending up in animal rescue centres across the country had soared in the last five years, particularly in urban areas where they are bred as 'status dogs' or for fighting.

■ **Foal Farm is holding two sponsored dog walks on June 19 to raise vital funds and awareness about its work. To register, or for more information on the Staffie puppies and other animals needing homes at the centre, visit www.foalfarm.org.uk email: info@foalfarm.org.uk or call 01959 572 386.**

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OPINION

Forest fight still to be won

Woodland Trust CEO Sue Holden calls on everyone who cares about the future of forests to speak up in the new government consultation

THE remarkable response in Kent and across the country earlier this year to Government plans to sell off England's public woodland highlighted just how much they matter to people.

With such precious sites as Bedgebury under threat, thousands joined protests. Hundreds of thousands added their names to petitions demanding the Government think again.

Faced with overwhelming hostility, ministers shelved the privatisation proposals and promised a wide-ranging and independent review on the future of our woods and forests.

Last month, the Government launched its nationwide consultation on the future of our public woodlands. The opportunity exists to make a difference to our landscape for generations to come. But we can't be complacent. The danger is people believe the fight to save our woods has already been won. It hasn't.

Over the past 10 years over 300 ancient woods were destroyed or badly damaged. The existing rules simply do not provide serious protection.

Centuries of demand for timber and the clearing of forest for farmland have left us with fewer woods than virtually any other European country. This legacy has to be put right.

So we need to raise our ambition. Along with improved protection, we need to act decisively to replace the devastating loss of native woods.

All the evidence shows the public support these aims. But woods remain under threat from development, degradation and disease. The challenge is to make sure the case for better protection, re-planting and public access is turned into action.

The Woodland Trust believes a realistic target is to double Britain's native woodland cover. The consultation gives us the chance to make this ambition a reality. But it is not going to happen by accident. It is vital everyone who believes in the importance of our woods and forests for our quality of life responds to the consultation.

We will be urging our 400,000 supporters to ensure their voices are heard. But the more people who join them, the better.

There are three priorities. First, we need improved protection for our ancient native woods. They are Britain's rainforests, irreplaceable havens for wildlife and people. They add to the beauty of our country. And they are vital weapons in the fight against climate change, flooding and improving our air quality. We need to protect these assets and restore those which have been damaged.

Second, we should set a national goal to double our native woodland cover. The Woodland Trust has been creating new woods for nearly 40 years. But alone we can never do enough. Overall, there has been a decline in new plantings. To hit this target, we need as a country to plant 15,000 hectares of new trees every year – a three-fold increase on the present figure.



We need to protect these assets and restore damaged forests

This means extending woods and creating new ones. It is ambitious, but it is achievable. And the results are surprisingly quick. It only takes 12 years before newly planted trees look and feel like a real wood.

Thirdly, we have to improve public access to, and involvement in, our woodlands. As we know from public reaction to the 1,000 woodland sites we manage, they bring tremendous health and leisure benefits.

The Government has been moved to listen. That's why this is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to shape the future of our woods and landscape for the better. So please take the time to make your voice heard.

KOS COMMENT

Anonymous failures keep us in the dark

IS IT really that important to know who is to blame when something goes wrong? According to some within County Hall, the answer is no.

The reasons for the collapse of Kent's child protection service are well known by now, but it seems unlikely we will ever find out who was truly responsible. That's a blow to the families of children put at risk due to the poor decisions made on behalf of social workers.

First tears shed over London 2012 Games

IN homes up and down the country this week, there were mixed blessings when it came to success – or otherwise – in looking to secure tickets for the London 2012 Olympics.

For many, hopes evaporated at the starting line. For others, the reality of facing up to their third or fourth choice options being given the nod.

But as the saying goes, it's not the winning but the taking part. Just don't try telling the empty-handed that.



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Standing tall for the pylons

READING your paper, I was disappointed by the 'Pylons a blight on the landscape' headline.

We are very fond of the countryside and belong to the Kent Wildlife Trust, but who says that pylons are a blot on the landscape?

We live on Romney Marsh and love Dungeness, our special little bit of wonder. Who can imagine Dungeness without the hum of the power station and the sentinel line of pylons marching off into the distance? They are a part of the atmosphere, and have been the lifeblood of Marsh prosperity for 50 years.

There isn't an inch of Kent that isn't man-made or manipulated by mankind. Our Downs, the Weald, the fields and hedgerows, the river valleys and towns and villages have all been shaped by man, so it is disingenuous to suggest the landscape is 'natural'.

It is very lovely, but man-made, as are pylons and wind turbines. I personally find nothing offensive about them, and, in the modern world, we all need electricity. They are elegant and graceful, and blend into the landscape. How many people could tell you where their nearest pylon was?

We need to preserve what is good and beautiful, but the landscape is an organic, changing entity, moulded by the generations of people living at the time, to meet their needs.

June Gooch, New Romney

Reckless as ever over cuts

THE comments about police cuts made to your paper by MP Mark Reckless demand a response.

As a former member of Kent Police Authority and a serving member of the Home Affairs Select Committee I would expect Mr Reckless to be far better informed on policing issues.

The Police Federation is not a trade union. The Police Federation is a professional body that exists to represent all matters of officers' welfare and efficiency.

It is the efficiency of the service, given the scale of cuts, which we seek to highlight.

Let me dispel some other myths pedalled by Mr Reckless.

It is outrageous when Mr Reckless claims it is "almost impossible to lose an officer, even if he or she is no good at their job". Through his membership of the Police Authority he knows that simply is not the case.

It is rather rich that such an accusation should come from an MP who was so intoxicated he couldn't do his duty on the day of the emergency budget last summer. I can assure your readers that such conduct would have attracted dismissal for a police officer.

Mr Reckless questions whether job losses will be as severe as projected.

At the last police authority meeting on April 20, he was present when the chief constable reaffirmed that Kent Police would lose 500 police officers and 1,000 police staff as a consequence of the cuts.

Did Mr Reckless challenge these figures?

No he did not. Mr Reckless appears to prefer making these claims when they cannot be scrutinised.

My challenge to Mr Reckless is simple: you seem to believe the answer lies in neighbourhood policing. If you believe crime won't increase then where would you cut 500 police officers from? Do we make the cuts in child protection and domestic abuse? What about surveillance or undercover work? Perhaps we should make the cuts in departments dealing with sex offenders or counter-terrorism?

The reality is you, like the Home Office, believe that policing is all about uniformed 'bobbies on the beat'. They are important, but policing is far more than just that.

In the last 10 years we have seen crime rates fall and police officer numbers increase. These cuts will see officer numbers fall back to the level in 2000 and crime will rise.

If Mr Reckless, like the public, "would obviously prefer more officers than less", perhaps he ought to do something about it.

Perhaps he ought to be questioning why in four years his government will be spending significantly more on overseas aid than it will on protecting its own citizens.

Ian Pointon, chairman, Kent Police Federation

UK the world's best cash cow

I AGREE with John R O'Neon in last week's KoS in that we lead the world in bribes (aid) to other countries and are always the first to help out in times of need.

This is not a bad thing, but there has to be a limit and our hearts shouldn't rule our heads.

Although we're over a trillion pounds in debt, we are still paying billions to support Greece, Portugal and Ireland to rescue them from their irresponsibility.

Millions of pounds are given to India, which can afford not to tax its rich, have nuclear arms, a space programme and still give aid to other countries.

We pay millions to China, a country whose industry is the envy of the world, and to corrupt African leaders to pay for their whisky, cigars and limousines.

We pay even more at home to support the people from all over the world beating a path to our door, to sample our benefits and lunatic 'human rights' type laws that protect murderers and rapists from justice in their own countries, while we pay their bills.

You'd imagine there must be a limit to what we can afford and even what the British people can take, but those bleeding us dry know they can always rely on the supine apathy of the British Government and the idiots who voted them in.

Meanwhile, despite our own problems, our previous largesse hasn't gained us any more respect in the world, or made anybody the more desiring of helping us in our time of need.

Phil Granger, West Malling

Our poor roads lead to Labour

AFTER reading last week's article 'Highways chief admits to vast shortfall in funding to fix county's roads', I must point out that it was in fact John Woodcock MP, Labour's shadow transport minister, who called Kent's roads "knackered" – not me.

Mr Woodcock's spin doctors wrote to local newspapers and media outlets in every Conservative council area in England, claiming their roads were "knackered".

Labour-controlled councils did not receive the same treatment – surprising that.

I wonder if Mr Woodcock (MP for Barrow and Furness) has ever visited Kent?

I welcome the £6.5 million grant we have recently received from the Government for emergency repairs, which was far more than we expected and far more than we ever got from the previous Labour administration.

In Kent we have repaired more than 36,000 potholes in the last 18 months, but it is true to say that we do need more money to bring all our roads up to a good standard.

The lack of financial investment in our road network started over a decade ago, and most of that time we had a Labour government who continuously cut spending for road maintenance and improvement.

As a result of those years we not only have (to use Mr Woodcock's words) some "knackered roads" in England, we also have a "knackered" economy. A fact Mr Woodcock has conveniently forgotten.

Cllr Bryan Sweetland, cabinet member for environment, highways and waste, Kent County Council

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A taxing issue over pensions and injury



TONY HETHERINGTON
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Q IN MARCH you wrote about how a pension paid because of an accident at work should not be taxed. I was injured at work and had six years added to my pension entitlement when I retired early. I spoke to my tax office, but staff there have not heard about the exemption you mentioned. I also called the pension agency in Lancashire, but officials there do not know about it, either.

A IF YOU retired early and received an extra pension because of your industrial injury then it seems to me that you are fully entitled to benefit under the tax exemption that I wrote about in March, when a reader won refunds all the way back to 1991. The basic rule is that anyone's job pension is taxable. But if someone who was not in a pension scheme at work was forced to retire early because of an industrial injury or illness, and was granted a pension as a sort of compensation from the employer, then that pension escapes income tax.

You are in a halfway situation. You were in a pension scheme, but when you had to retire early because of injury it was topped up and you were credited with an extra six years of pension rights. So the pension you would have got normally is taxable, but the extra six years entitlement is exempt. Tell your tax office to look at Section 644 of the Income Tax (Earnings & Pensions) Act 2003. This is the law that sets out all these details, and operates from April 6, 2003. And if your pension started before 2003, tell the tax man to look back at Extra Statutory Concession A62, which granted the same exemption in earlier years.

If your tax office still turns you down, let me know. But if you win the exemption, do not forget to ask for it to be backdated to the beginning of your pension, which should bring you a nice refund cheque.

Q MY DAUGHTER and her partner have a rented flat, but want somewhere of their own. They have not been able to find a mortgage that is more than 80pc of any property's value. They can afford repayments, but if they have to save a 20pc deposit I suspect they will emigrate as they are both nurses and can work anywhere. One building society even told them they should beg, borrow or steal to raise the 20pc deposit because by next year this will be 25pc.

A THE HIGHEST loan-to-value figure I can find from any mortgage lender is 90pc, but this is only for joint applicants who are both graduates. Lots of nurses nowadays are graduates, so if your daughter and her partner qualify, point them towards Share To Buy (0845 686 0812), which is connected to the Co-op Bank. There are no fees, and interest is 4.29pc. Several lenders will go as high 85pc, including HSBC, Yorkshire Building Society and Principality Building Society. One of the best deals is from Norwich and Peterborough Building Society, which will lend 85pc with interest at just 2.59pc for the first two years. It is true that strict new rules on mortgages will apply soon. Limits are still being drafted, but it is safe to say that the days of 100pc mortgages are over – at least for now.

Q MY WIFE and I had shares in Friends Provident, which have become shares in Resolution. I have 1,603 shares and my wife has 441. We were sent provisional allotment letters by Resolution, which I did not understand. We have now been sent certificates for 53 new shares and 14 new shares. I do look at the share price, and it was 69p, but suddenly became 238p, so now I am confused.

A FRIENDS Provident was taken over by Resolution in 2009. Resolution reorganised its shares so that one new share – with a higher price – replaced 30 old shares. Forget your 1,603 and 441 shareholdings. They are replaced by the new certificates for 53 shares and 14 shares. The allotment letters would have allowed you to buy more of the new shares, but you let that pass. Your shares are now worth about 310p each.

Q I WAS advised to invest in shares in BP shortly before the price fell after the Gulf oil leak. Can I claim compensation?

A ALL SHARES are risky. Unless you told your financial adviser to avoid oil shares, or you wanted nothing with any risks, then the decision was yours. If you made all this clear and your adviser still said to buy BP, then you may have reason to complain to the Ombudsman (0800 023 4567).

Q IS IT correct that if you are over 50 you can invest more in an Isa than anyone under 50? If so, what is the amount?

A THIS was true two years ago, but now the limit is the same for everyone: £10,680 per person, per year.

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Get peace of mind at summer festivals



WALK THIS WAY: Tens of thousands of festival-goers would have left their tents unattended while they watched rock legends Aerosmith, the headline act at last summer's Download festival, leaving them susceptible to light-fingered thieves

By Adam Aiken
MyMoney 24 editor

THE HUNDREDS of thousands of people planning to go to music festivals this summer are being urged to make sure they have sufficient insurance cover in case they fall victim to thieves.

Common sense suggests that festival-goers should not take expensive items with them in the first place but, if your tent is targeted, it will be of some comfort to know that you have adequate cover in place to make good any losses.

There is a good chance your home insurance policy will either already cover you or can be amended for little extra cost to provide protection on a festival site.

Julie Owens, head of home insurance at Moneysupermarket, said: "If you are unfortunate enough to be a victim of theft, many home contents policies will cover you for items such as iPods and iPhones.

"Spending the extra cash to ensure you are protected is a small price to pay to enjoy festival fun with peace of mind."

Aviva, the insurer, said official crime statistics showed there were 945 reported thefts at the top seven UK festivals last year, with the combined value of the thefts some £190,000.

The company added that the typical festival-goer took possessions worth an average of more than £900 with them.

Jonathan Cracknell, a household underwriter at Aviva, said: "Tents appear to be the main target for thieves, so don't leave them crammed full of all your favourite electronic gadgets when you pop out for breakfast and perhaps think about carrying less expensive accessories with you when you are out and about."

Even if you do take the bare minimum with you in terms of possessions, the value of your camping equipment can soon add up, so it's well worth checking the small-print of your home insurance policy before setting off and, if need be, calling your insurer to upgrade it accordingly.

Calls for delay over mortgage review

THE mortgage market review (MMR) – a massive overhaul of the market being led by the Financial Services Authority – should be put on hold until the market has recovered from its current slump, a leading consumer group has said.

The Financial Services Consumer Panel, which advises the FSA on behalf of consumers, is concerned that people who took out home loans ahead of the financial crash will be unable to qualify for remortgages if the MMR is introduced too early.

In a report outlining its wishlist for a "sustainable and healthy mortgage market", the panel said: "The FSA needs to ensure transitional arrangements adequately provide for consumers who have historic mortgages that may now lie outside the responsible lending criteria.

"Whatever transitional arrangements apply, timing will be crucial: there is a danger that lenders will reject mortgages which they view as not complying with the MMR and so further restrict consumers' options during a period of general lending restraint.

"To avert this danger, implementation of new affordability rules should be delayed until the housing market has demonstrably recovered."

The panel also said it was vital for the MMR to include a requirement for lenders to assess whether consumers can afford repayments according to their individual circumstances rather than relying on a one-size-fits-all set of criteria.

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Tell your card company if you are going away

IT IS important to let your credit card provider know if you are going abroad either on holiday or for business, otherwise you run the risk of embarrassment at the checkout.

Thanks in large part to a huge increase in fraud, consumers are finding that banks and other card issuers are becoming more wary of sanctioning unexpected spending behaviour unless they have been given advance warning.

That means an attempt to use your card thousands of miles from home could well run into difficulty if your provider has not been informed in advance that you will be travelling.

"In an effort to protect consumers, banks are using increasingly sophisticated fraud intelligence systems to help identify unusual patterns of spending or high-risk transactions on cards," said Stuart McKeggie, head of credit cards at Sainsbury's Bank.

"A legitimate overseas transaction can sometimes trigger a referral note on your card that requires the retailer to make an authorisation call to the issuer.

"Unfortunately, sometimes retailers overseas decide to decline the card rather than make the call.

"It's a sensible precaution for cardholders to let their provider know if they're planning to use their card abroad, regardless of which country they're intending to visit, to help prevent triggering any anti-fraud security."

Research by Sainsbury's suggests that more than 3.5 million Britons have had their credit cards declined while overseas.

Card fraud cost banks £400m last year, with the number of victims jumping by 40pc to more than 2.4m people.

Now's the best time to grab the best interest-free deals

By Adam Aiken
MyMoney 24 editor

NOW could be the time to strike for credit-card users who want to juggle their debts, with a record number of cards offering long-term interest-free deals.

There are now more than 50 cards on the market that offer 0pc deals for a year or longer.

At the same time, the average interest-free balance-transfer period is now more than 12 months, up from less than 10 months a year ago.

"Even though the economy remains in a fragile state, there are a number of factors in the card providers' favour enabling them to offer these record-breaking deals," said Andrew Hagger, of Moneynet, which produced the data.

"Not only are borrowing costs very low, the Consumer Credit Directive – which came into effect in February – means lenders can be more selective. They now have to offer the best deals to only 51pc of successful applicants, compared with the previous requirement of 66pc."

The longest 0pc deal available at the moment is a 20-month offer from Barclaycard Platinum.

Elsewhere, MBNA, Virgin Money, Bank of Scotland and Natwest are offering 18-month deals (although bear in mind that virtually all 0pc cards levy balance-transfer fees, usually of about 3pc).

Bank of England figures suggest there is nearly £60 billion of outstanding borrowing on credit cards, giving the card providers plenty of opportunity to cherry-pick new customers.

Although card issuers offer interest-free balance transfer periods as loss leaders, they hope that any consumers they manage to attract will remain loyal – either deliberately or through inertia – once the initial deal has expired.

Mr Hagger said another attraction for the card companies was the publicity generated by the exposure of their brands in the best-buy comparison tables.

"Offering long-term 0pc deals generates massive free advertising exposure," he said. "The downside for consumers is that even though lower borrowing costs have enabled providers to offer extended interest-free terms, once the promotional deals expire the 'revert-to' interest rates remain stubbornly high."

If you want to switch your balance to an interest-free deal, remember that you will still need to make the minimum monthly repayments – and it's crucial that you don't miss a payment or be late with one.

If you do fall foul of the rules, it's likely that your card provider will cancel the interest-free deal immediately Then you will find yourself stranded on a high interest rate – with no guarantee that you'll be able to shift the balance once again to another 0pc card.

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CREDIT CARDS: There are a record number of long-term interest-free deals around at the moment

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PICK OF THE WEEK

In association with the experts at Moneyfacts.co.uk, we highlight some of the best new products launched this week.

Savings: Cheltenham & Gloucester
Cheltenham & Gloucester has launched its two-year fixed-rate cash Isa Issue 8 account. This deal pays a rate of 3.5pc maturing in July, 2013. A monthly interest option is available at 3.45pc. Savers can invest a minimum of £100. Earlier access is permitted but is subject to 120 days' loss of interest. Transfers in are accepted. The account can be operated in branch and by post by investors aged 16 and over. **Why is it good?** A review of its Isa range sees the unveiling of C&G's competitively-priced two-year fixed-rate account. It sits just inside the top five products for its term. The fact that earlier access is allowed, albeit subject to penalty, should prove popular with savers.

Savings: Secure Trust Bank
Secure Trust Bank has launched its Fixed-Rate Bond Five-Year Term Series 1, which pays an annual rate of 5.1pc. Savers can invest between £1,000 and £1 million and further additions can be made while the issue remains open. Early access is not allowed. The account is available to savers aged 18 and over by post and telephone. **Why is it good?** Secure Trust has extended its range with the launch of this highly-competitive five-year deal, which has stormed to the top of the long-term fixed-rate bond market.

Mortgages: Halifax
Halifax has reduced selected mortgage deals, including some of its remortgage products. The most notable is the 2.69pc (Bank of England base rate plus 2.19pc) deal until July 2013 for remortgage borrowers only. The maximum loan-to-value (LTV) is 60pc and customers can borrow up to £1m. A fee of £1,240 is payable. Incentives of a free valuation and free legal fees are also offered. **Why is it good?** This latest product review sees the launch of a variable tracker deal designed for remortgage customers. The product offers a good rate, combined with a reasonable fee and generous incentives. The options to make overpayments, make underpayments and take payment holidays should appeal to those looking for a flexible mortgage product.

Mortgages: Santander
Santander's new product offers a rate of 5.79pc until August 2013 to borrowers with deposits of 10pc or more. Available for first-time and second-time buyers only, this deal has a maximum borrowing amount of £1m and a low arrangement fee of £99. Incentives of a free valuation and a £250 rebate upon completion are also offered. **Why is it good?** This latest offering from Santander should please borrowers who are looking to keep their initial costs to a minimum. A high LTV of 90pc, a low arrangement fee and a generous incentives package makes this a good overall package. The option to make overpayments of up to 10pc of the outstanding balance will also help to boost its appeal.

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INSIDE THIS WEEK

HIGH Speed 1 came through the first of its freight-train trials with flying colours, paving the way for use by European operators. Assuming the four remaining test runs are completed in similar fashion, it is only a matter of time before the Kent track is given the green light to accept European-sized freight trains from across the Continent. This will spark a shift to rail use for importers, helping to make the UK more competitive.

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Play part in port-privatisation plan by setting funding goals

By Simon Robinson
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DOVER Harbour Board bosses have begun a further round of public consultation with regard to their privatisation proposals.

The organisation has amended its application, submitted in January last year, to meet the new government's revised set of criteria for the sale of Trust Ports, such as Dover.

Under the original plans, the Port of Dover Community Trust (PDCT) would be established alongside a new operating company (OpCo), which would exist as a subsidiary of the Dover Harbour Board (DHB).

The PDCT would receive a £10 million initial cash settlement from OpCo as well as funds for the purcahse of shares in the port, which are anticipated to have a value of some £20 million at the point of sale.

It is estimated that the PDCT could have an economic impact of £95 million over the first five years and £60 million annually thereafter.

Now as part of the Trust's 'community participation' pledge, Dover businesses can play a large part in deciding where this extra revenue goes.

At the public consultation launch event at Harbour House on Tuesday morning, DHB bosses unveiled an economic benefit forecast table that showed the Trust's creation would lead to an added £51 million during the next five years for SMEs (small and medium enterprises), start-ups and local supply chains.

This figure is based on an equal 25 per cent funding split between support for business, skills and education, neighbourhood improvement and social cohesion.

But DHB chiefs were keen to stress that the allocation of funding – and its subsequent economic return – was in community hands.

A report carried out by independent consultants Arup states: "In practice, the economic impact on the area and the longevity of supported employment will be highly variable and dependent on the characteristics of the projects supported by the PDCT and the balance between economic and community projects."



DHB: Finance director Tim Waggott, chief executive Bob Goldfield and chairman Roger Mountford launched the period of public consultation, which ends on Monday, June 27.

DHB chairman Roger Mountford said he wanted to "engage" with the Dover community. "The PDCT represents a fundamental change in the port's relationship with the town and district and provides for the first time an opportunity for the community to benefit directly and financially from port activities and to share in the port's success," he said.

"This is an exciting time for the Port of Dover and most especially the community. With the help of the entire port community and the town of Dover, supported by new investment, it really could become the expanded, world-class port facility we wish to see for the benefit of future generations of users and for the community of Dover as a whole."

DHB said the proposed privatisation was crucial to the port's future, insisting that remaining a trust port was "no longer a viable option".

Finance director Tim Waggott said: "Our future lies in the private sector, where we can expand the business, add value, create jobs and secure those jobs that already exist. Without privatisation, investment will be severely curtailed and growth – therefore jobs – compromised.

"As we cannot borrow, we need access to the capital markets to guarantee further investment. Not only that, we will be largely unable to make the contribution that we need to make, and wish to make, to the regeneration of Dover. We are firmly of the view that remaining a trust port is no longer a viable option for Dover. The business is too big and successful for that status but will inevitably suffer it it cannot invest and grow."

EMPLOYMENT

Talented students ready for work

EXPANDING businesses are being encouraged to go to the University of Greenwich for their next employee.

The university, which has a campus at Chatham Maritime, offers a free Graduate Talent Bureau (GTB) to businesses, which matches new job positions to its 9,000-strong pool of graduates and postgraduates.

A spokesman said: "The university's graduate talent pool is made up of high-calibre graduates who have undergone assessment to ensure they meet the highest employability standards.

"We have access to a large number of energetic, motivated and talented graduates who have a wealth of skills and knowledge as well as personal qualities that can make a real contribution to your business."

The GTB gives businesses the opportunity to advertise their vacancies for free. Applications are then filtered so only the most appropriate candidates are put forward.

For more information, call 020 8331 8810 or visit www.gre.ac.uk/gtb.



HELP: Theo Paphitis launched new tool

TRAINING

Business basics on offer online

DRAGONS' Den star Theo Paphitis has launched an online business-essentials toolkit giving start-ups the key skills needed to survive and grow.

The Smarta Business Builder was set up after a survey carried out by NatWest showed new small businesses in the South East were struggling to master the essentials – putting their future at risk.

Sixty per cent of SME respondents in the region said cashflow was a serious issue, while 57 per cent said they had under-estimated costs.

Stationery tycoon Theo Paphitis said: "At a time when we need businesses to thrive, too many good businesses risk failure because they struggle to manage the basics early on. Many small business lack the time and money to get essentials such as business plans, accountants or websites in place – getting them all in one place through Smarta Business Builder will free them up to concentrate on what they're good at and growing their business."

For more, visit www.smarta.com.

INVESTMENT

Bronze award for Kings Hill charity

A CHARITIES-supporting charity has been awarded the Bronze Investors In People title after coming through a rigorous assessment process.

The Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) became one of just 800 organisations in the UK to receive the award, which recognises employers who achieve three principles of planning, doing and evaluating to improve organisational performance.

Human resources director Corinne Wells said: "It's really exciting that we have achieved this award. It recognises the great people working at CAF who are dedicated to making the environment for charitable giving the best that it can be."

The CAF is a charity set up to help other charities by working with donors, companies and charities to encourage and facilitate a culture of giving.

It offers products and services that make giving easier and help charities to make the most of donations through its banking and fund-raising support services.

COMMENT

DOVER businesses should jump at the chance to influence the spending plans of the proposed Port of Dover Community Trust (PDCT).

While the port's privatisation is anything but a foregone conclusion, it makes sense to get behind Dover Harbour Board's plans, which give real power and leverage to the community.

A report carried out by independent consultants Arup has shown that the PDCT could have a £95 million economic impact on the surrounding area during its first five years of operation and £60 million thereafter.

Dover residents and businesses are now being asked to comment on how best to divide that sum between ecomonic and community projects. It is your chance to raise your business concerns. What areas desperately need funding? Does the area need to support its existing SMEs or invest in fresh start-ups?

Kent was not allocated a penny in funding during the last round of the Coalition government's Regional Growth Fund cash, and the North looks set to take the lion's share on the next round, too.

With that in mind, it is imperative that Dover businesses make their voices heard to the Dover Harbour Board to ensure the much-needed money generated from the port's privatisation is used wisely.

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High-speed railway open to freight after trial run

THE High Speed rail link remains on track for use by European-sized freight trains after a successful test run was carried out.

DB Schenker Rail ran a loaded freight train on High Speed 1 (HS1) in the early hours of Friday, May 27, to test the Kent track's handling of larger trains from the Continent.

The trial – the first of five due to be carried out before the end of June – was declared an outstanding success by both DB Schenker Rail and HS1.

Once these trials have been completed, DB Schenker Rail will connect the UK via the High Speed 1 route to the rest of its pan-European rail-freight market, opening a new service for customers to export and import goods more efficiently using larger wagons.

HS1 chief executive Nicola Shaw said: "HS1 is the UK's only high-speed rail line and the connection we provide to mainland Europe is open to freight and passenger operators.

"We are delighted to be working with DB Schenker Rail and other freight operators.

"These successful trials pave the way for the introduction of regular freight services between the UK and Europe."



DB Schenker Rail UK's chief executive Alain Thauvette added: "Another significant step forward to enable larger freight trains travelling from anywhere across Europe on the DB Schenker Rail pan-European network to London has been taken. The opportunity to increase modal shift between road to rail on cross-Channel operations is fast becoming a reality."

HS1 Ltd owns and operates the 109km High Speed 1 railway line, the UK's only high-speed railway, as well as St Pancras International, Stratford International, Ebbsfleet International and Ashford International stations.

DB Schenker Rail is Britain's largest rail-freight operator, serving all parts of the UK and mainland Europe via the Channel Tunnel.



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Look, love, women won't be your mate if you keep calling them hun

DEMEANING pet names are among female workers' biggest office peeves, a study has found.

In a survey of 3,000 women, 75 per cent of respondents said being referred to by names such as love, babe or hun was unacceptable.

A quarter of those questioned said such terms made them angry and 5 per cent said they had lodged an official complaint.

The study was conducted by Bluefin, which has offices in Ashford, Dartford and Gravesend.

Head of marketing Peter Elliott said: "Although pet names are rarely used with the intention of being offensive, the repeated use of such terms in the workplace can cause aggravation, which over a long period of time can lead to a build-up of resentment and hostility.

"The terms listed in this research are often cited in wrongful-dismissal and sexual-harassment claims and businesses need to be very careful about allowing such language to be used in the workplace.

"This problem is likely to be amplified where women are in the minority and business-owners need to ensure they do not permit a laddish environment to develop which may lead to feelings of victimisation among female workers."

According to the research, the pet name most likely to anger women in the workplace was love, with hun and mate also featuring high on the list.

Although such terms are most likely to be used in face-to-face conversations, many women reported that they were regularly referred to in such terms on the phone and in emails.

Small businesses fear health and safety burden

HEALTH and safety regulations are a major burden on businesses, a report has revealed.

The finding was revealed by the British Chamber of Commerce (BCC), which surveyed almost 6,000 members across the country.

Almost half of all respondents (47 per cent) said stringent health and safety rules hampered business.

A fifth of sole traders said the legislation acted as a barrier to them taking on their first employee.

The cumulative cost of health and safety regulation in the UK amounts to more than £4 billion.

The BCC has recommended that regulation should be tailored to the risk level of the workplace, while legislation should be streamlined to reduce costs and confusion.

Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce chief executive Jo James said: "It is unfortunate that so many small firms seem to perceive health and safety regulations as a barrier to expansion and employment.

"While it is undoubtedly true that the legislation could be simplified and streamlined, to employ people and then suffer from sickness and accident problems caused by a lack of health and safety care would be an even greater burden.

"It is important that the welfare of employers and employees is protected, and although the regulations are rigorous, when properly applied they are far from insurmountable.

"As a Chamber of Commerce we have a network that can guide employers through the health and safety requirements, and I urge prospective employers not to be put off but to consult us so we can help."

Bravely keeping us connected

FORMER features writer Lizzie Hodgson could lose everything – and she's ok with that.

The Indiconews Ltd chief executive has given up the mundane yet comforting tedium of steady, gainful employment to realise her cutting-edge communications vehicle, packaged as Civicboom.

The editor-turned-entrepreneur has already downsized her house to help finance the business, and risks losing much more if it all goes wrong.

But strangely, this fear factor gave Hodgson the confidence to go it alone in the first place.

"My situation terrified me yet at the same time it's not scary at all," she said. "What's the worst that could happen? In theory, I could lose my house. But I plan not to. That said, I believe that if you're comfortable with the worst case scenario you can achieve anything. I'm comfortable with that.

"There have been some hairy moments that we've had to get through and it's really tough out there but every start-up has to go through times like that. I can't imagine my life not being like this now."

Civicboom gives online enterprises the chance to fully engage with their audiences in a mutually beneficial way.

It's the next generation Twitter/Facebook – bringing consumers into the content-gathering equation, rather than simply serving them with the finished product to 'like'.

Hodgson's original intention for the API – application programming interface – was to help local newspapers reconnect with their audiences. Indeed, it was a local American newspaper that first inspired her eureka moment, in 2003.

Hodgson said: "I was in Washington DC in a café and reading a local newspaper. I remember realising what I was seeing on the streets was not being reported in the paper.

"This was long before the days of YouTube and Facebook, and Google was just four years old. Clearly, the technology was not up to speed at the time. But at that point I knew there was something around what was happening on the streets and what news providers needed – there was a clear gap there."

By 2008, Hodgson's vision had been part realised with the emergence of citizen journalism. More and more readers were taking an active, if unsolicited, role in the news by presenting their information on blogs and websites, as opposed to sending it on to traditional news organisations.

Hodgson launched a citizen journalism website that year but was still frustrated by the format's lack of immediacy and cohesion between contributors and consumers. But then came a huge step in mobile phone technological advancement and with it crowdsourcing.

Users, such as a newspaper, can put out a call for information on its website, be it photos, video, text or audio, and this request will be sent direct to all its members' Android phones.

Hodgson said the technology was a win/win for both news providers and their readers.

"The concept of a passive consumer has now been flipped on its head by the mobile phone. Society has also matured and no longer wants to sit back and just accept the news as it is provided – they want to contribute.

"For the news organisations, it gives them a chance to bring their readers into the news agenda, which is a fantastic way to gain new readers as well.

"I want Civicboom to become the premier crowdsourcing platform in the UK; the go-to company. I want to familiarise people and organisations with the concept of crowdsourcing.

"Then we can help reinvigorate interest in local news, which is so important for democracy, for community cohesion. For too many people it is seen as dull, but I think it's the most important form of news.

"If the readers have ownership of what goes into their newspapers they might take ownership of their community and vice versa."

Hodgson's three developers wrote 40,000 lines of code since launching in February and they are now at the point of rolling the product out across the UK with an eye on the US soon after.

And the entrepreneur is quick to recognise the hard work her team has put in.

When asked what gets her out of bed in the morning, she said: "In all honesty, my team. I believe I have the three best developers in Kent. They are awesome. We are passionate about what we're doing. It's an exciting area to be in right now. I want collaboration to be the new rock and roll."

Hodgson also recognises those who have helped her transform from an entrepreneur into a businesswoman.

She said: "The difference between a businessman and an entrepreneur is that a businessman has gone through the ranks and made a healthy profit. An entrepreneur just has an idea but doesn't know if it's going to work or not. They've got to take a risk with it.

"I don't have the credentials of a businesswoman. I just had an idea. We've got it to where we are now because I've had phenomenal support from friends and family, plus I have an incredible partner who has endured all the hard times because they believe in me.

"But now as a company we're far more organised having sourced external investment from Willow Investment and another Angel Investor, meaning we have a strategy.

"You then have to meet people and convince them to help you get to the next stage. Innovation & Growth have been a crucial organisation to us.

"Their support has been really important as they have offered guidance, mentoring and help in finding investors.

"They have recognised in us that we are potentially a high growth international company and have been that extra person we needed.

"There needs to be more organisations like them to give start-ups a helping hand. We need innovation and start-ups – people taking a risk.

"It's now, more than ever, that we should be fearless. It's the only way we will burst out of the recession."

The BIG Interview



Civicboom creator Lizzie Hodgson had her eureka moment in a cafe in Washington DC in 2003. Unfortunately for her, she had to wait until technology had advanced sufficiently to turn her idea into a reality. She told Business Week editor Simon Robinson about her company.



CONNECTIONS: Lizzie Hodgson and her team of three developers behind Civicboom

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Highlight your firm's success

HIGH-achieving companies and entrepreneurs are urged to enter this year's National Business Awards.

The annual awards are open to businesses of all shapes and sizes to enter 17 categories.

Sponsors Orange said British firms should do more to celebrate their successes.

Business at Orange vice president Martin Stiven said: "To encourage confidence in UK business, we need to showcase those companies that are leading the pack and have demonstrated real innovation in the past year."

Categories include the innovation award, SME of the year and sustainability award.

The deadline for entries is Wednesday, June 15. Call 020 7234 8755 or visit www.nationalbusinessawards.co.uk.

Export exhibition hosted by Blues

COMPANIES looking to go global are invited to attend the ExploreExport event in London.

The one-day exhibition will bring more than 70 commercial officers from UK diplomatic posts in more than 50 overseas markets together.

Firms can book up to four one-on-one meetings and will come away with information on opportunities, tips on practice, cultural attitudes and potential pitfalls and details of and access to relevant contacts.

The event is organised by UK Trade & Investment.

ExploreExport takes place at Chelsea's Stamford Bridge stadium on Monday, June 27.

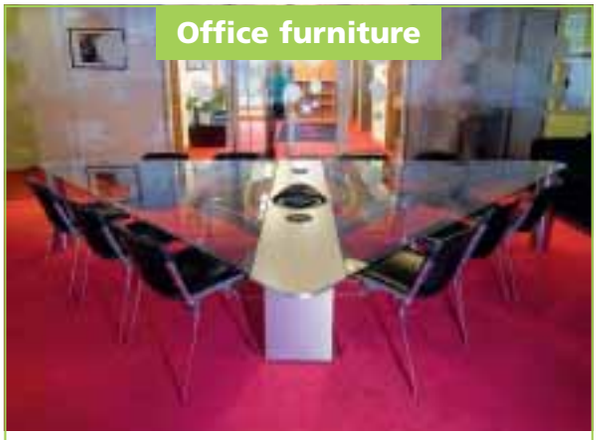
Easy-to-digest legal advice

TWO free breakfast seminars are being served up to help charities reduce financial risk.

The events have been organised by law firm Furley Page to provide guidance on issues including governance and administration, employing staff, investments and financial management.

Employment lawyer Sian Stubberfield said: "These seminars are designed to provide an opportunity to exchange ideas with fellow professionals in the charity sector."

They will be held at Furley Page's Canterbury office on Thursday, June 9, and at the Chatham office on Wednesday, June 22.



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Businesses asked to speak up on rubbish consultation

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BUSINESSES are being invited to help shape the future of waste and mineral activities in Kent.

KCC will use feedback from firms and landowners to prepare a 20-year framework aimed at supporting the county's waste and mineral industries.

Almost 100 existing and potential sites for development have been put forward to the authority during the last year.

Now planning chiefs have thrown the ball back into businesses' court by starting an eight-week period of consultation. During this time, waste and mineral companies are being asked to give their views on how best to take the industry forward.

Once the eight weeks are up, there will be a sifting process of sites, followed by a further round of public consultation to inform the final documents. These will then be presented at a public examination and the Planning Inspectorate will make recommendations on the final framework.

KCC waste boss David Brazier, who is heading the team preparing the plans, said: "Waste and mineral operations can mean a welcome jobs boost for communities, and companies have told us where they want to work.

"We have already received 1,000 comments in the first stage of this process. Now it's time for businesses and residents to have their say.



JOBS AND DEVELOPMENTS: The proposals will help form a 20-year framework

"Businesses are already very active in mineral production and waste activities in Kent. This is about planning for their future needs. We are also looking for modern, innovative ways of working.

"The comments we receive during this consultation will help us shape the future of these two important industries in Kent. This is a great opportunity for everyone to contribute and make a real difference in their community. Your views can influence whether or not sites are suitable to go forward at this stage."

See www.kent.gov.uk/mwdf for further information.

Excellent customer service ensures van centre registers new contract

PRODUCTIVITY at a Dartford van centre is set to shift up a gear after it secured a £7 million order.

Beadles Volkswagen won the account to supply up to 120 commercial vehicles for National Cash Registers (NCR). The deal will see the firm roll out Caddy BlueMotion and Maxi Life vans in NCR colours during the next two years.

Beadles brand manager Keith Banks said: "This is a fantastic account to win and provides evidence of our customer service excellence standards.

"We look forward to providing NCR with their fleet of commercial Volkswagens and to continuing a successful business relationship."

NCR's UK supply manager John Gorringe said: "This is a significant investment by NCR in the UK market and we're delighted with the way everything has been handled. When considering the fleet, NCR has looked at its green credentials and this played a huge part in the company choosing the Volkswagen Caddy BlueMotion vans.

"The low CO_2 emissions and high miles per gallon ratio were key factors in NCR's decision.

"But it was the customer service we received from Beadles Volkswagen Van Centre, Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles and LeasePlan that made it a simple decision."



AGREED: From left, Beadles Volkswagen's David Harvey and NCR's Paul Abbott

Kent tourism boss given national call-up

VISIT Kent chairman Amanda Cottrell must focus her attention further afield after being appointed to the board of Visit England.

Mrs Cottrell, who lives in Challock, near Ashford, said: "It is a great honour to have been have been appointed to the VisitEngland Board and support this important industry which contributes so much to our economy, our heritage, our environment and our quality of life from the national level.

"I shall, of course, continue in my role with Visit Kent and I fully intend to be flying the flag for Kent at every opportunity.

"The work of VisitEngland is key at this time as individual areas of the country are now facing significant reductions in their public funding and are aiming to develop new partnerships across the industry and sustainable destination management organisations."

Mrs Cottrell was appointed to the Visit England board by Tourism and Heritage Minister John Penrose.

Focus is key if you want to capture that vital funding from the banks

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THE big five banks have failed to hit an agreed Government lending target – falling short by £2.2 billion.

The Government's Project Merlin was supposed to ensure the UK's largest banks, including those owned by the taxpayer, pursued an active lending agenda, particularly in the SME market.

The agreement was designed to see £19 billion lent to the UK's small and medium-sized businesses in the first quarter of 2011, but that target has been missed, with total lending coming in at just £16.8 billion.

With funding remaining a key issue for the region's businesses, the Innovation and Growth Team (IGT) has announced a series of three seminars for high-growth companies aimed at helping resolve the problem.

Finance lead Phil Beavan said: "As a team we focus on high-growth businesses, and as growth is the biggest burner of cash we are involved in a huge number of funding issues.

"The fact is that businesses need to up their game in their approach to securing finance – firstly by understanding why banks appear reluctant to help and secondly by having a good grasp on the alternatives.

"The answer is often a mixture of the two.

"There has been a fundamental shift in the way banks price and view debt and if businesses had a better handle on these changes then they would be able to tailor their approaches accordingly, making propositions more attractive to debt providers. The banks are at fault, but the wind is not blowing in only one direction on this."



APPLICATION: The seminars are aimed at helping businesses face up to the fundamental changes in the way banks lend

The How to Capture Funding – Straight from the Horse's Mouth seminars are being held in June and July and are designed as stand-alone sessions for businesses to better equip themselves to raise the finance they need. Mr Beavan said: "We have arranged for one of the area's leading regional bank managers to talk about how the banks price deals, what they like, what they do not like and crucially why.

"Not all of this is at the banks' behest – much has been foisted upon them and businesses need to know what the lie of the land is. In addition, we will have three of Kent's most active and respected Business Angels speaking about what they look for in the businesses they back and bringing home the reality that too many businesses are undercapitalised and over geared."

The seminars also include the opportunity to sit down with one of the IGT team to see how funding requirements can be resolved.

Although they are free to attend, places are heavily restricted and anyone interested should visit www.eventssoutheast.co.uk/innovationandgrowth for further details and information.

Seminars

Tuesday, June 28, at Hall Place, Canterbury, from 5.30pm-8.30pm

Thursday, June 30, at Medway Innovation Centre, from 7.30am-10.30am.

Tuesday, July 5, at Salomans, Tunbridge Wells, from 7.30am-10.30am

> **Businesses need to up their game in their approach to securing finance**
> PHIL BEAVAN

Don't expect Time to Pay as squeeze tightens

STRUGGLING small businesses are being squeezed by the Government, figures reveal.

In the past two years, Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs has increasingly hardened its position on accepting Time To Pay (TTP) applications, which allow SMEs to delay paying outstanding business taxes.

The TTP arrangements, implemented by the previous Government, were taken up by 400,000 small firms, which have collectively deferred paying tax worth £6.83 billion.

But with the Government looking to close the budget deficit, HMRC has reined in the TTP scheme in recent years, with the percentage of requests refused during Q1 rising from 2.7 per cent in 2009, to six per cent in 2010 and 9.3 per cent this year.

Crowe Clark Whitehall tax partner Simon Warne said SMEs should look to keep a firm handle on their finances in order to avoid the need of a TTP arrangement.

"The number of applications rejected by HMRC has doubled since 2009 and must be seen in the broader context of the Treasury pressuring other Government departments to help it reduce the deficit," he said.

"The best thing to do is to avoid TTP in the first place. Maintaining a steady cash flow, managing stock effectively and implementing staff pay freezes rather than making rash decisions such as redundancy can all help businesses avoid having to ask HMRC for favours.



CONTROL: Simon Warne says to be prepared

"The TTP scheme has been called a ticking time bomb as the debt was always going to have to be repaid – it's just a question of when."

The tightening of HMRC's attitude to TTP follows its recent announcement that it is to examine the quality of record keeping by small businesses through its Business Records Checks campaign. This could bring the exchequer £600 million in fines over the next four years by scrutinising the records of 200,000 businesses and fining them an expected average of £3,000 for inaccuracies.

Warne added: "The last few months have been tough for small businesses, with many unable to pass on the cumulative effect of the rise in commodity prices, the increase in National Insurance and rocketing fuel prices to their customers. As a result many companies will continue to find it tough and HMRC's hardening attitude may push many into administration."

Businesses interested in seeking expert advice on tax and business planning can contact Simon Warne on 01622 767676 or by emailing simon.warne@crowecw.co.uk.

Banks sign up to help firms go eco-friendly

NATWEST and RBS have launched a £50 million renewable energy fund in a bid to help firms go green.

The cash has been made available after research carried out by the banks revealed that one third of agricultural firms wish to deploy renewable energy – including solar panels and wind turbines – at their farm to reduce running costs, as well as carbon emissions.

Furthermore, more than half of these businesses said they would need funding from their bank to take this forward.

The banks' head of agriculture and renewable energy Ian Burrow said: "We're serious about being at the forefront of helping UK businesses switch to a more sustainable way of meeting their energy needs.

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Logistical support for unemployed

YOUTH charity the Prince's Trust has teamed up with a global logistics company to help unemployed young people from Medway and Maidstone find jobs.

One in five Kent residents aged 16-25 is currently unemployed, and the trust is holding a free two-week course aiming to address the skills shortage in the county.

During the Get into Logistics sessions at DHL's National Health Service supply chain site in Maidstone, participants will gain hands-on experience in the industry as well as developing their job skills, confidence and motivation.

The course runs from June 13-24 with a taster day for those interested in signing up being held on Wednesday, June 8.

Run in partnership with the German firm DHL and funded by its charitable arm the DHL UK Foundation, the scheme will also give young people a unique insight into how a logistics company is run.

"The support of the DHL UK Foundation is vital in helping young people into work," said Natalie Ross, acting regional director for the Prince's Trust in London and the South East.

"It's particularly important in this difficult economic climate."

During the course each young person will be matched with a mentor from the company for support and encouragement.

It is open to males and females alike and aimed particularly at young people classed as Neet (not in employment, education or training).

More than three in every four young people helped by the Prince's Trust move into work or training, and after the DHL course participants will receive six months' support to help them into education or employment.

Gerrit Van Rensburg, HR business director for DHL, said: "Too many youngsters feel they will never reach their full potential. We are thrilled to be able to make a difference to the lives of Maidstone's young people."

The logistics course is the 14th 'Get into' programme run by DHL across the UK, and is part of a long-term commitment to support the communities in which it operates.

More than 100 young people have now benefited from the scheme.

By Steve Knight
steve.knight@archant.co.uk

A FORMER mayor who has launched a new charity for apprentices has called on the Government to do more to help companies afford them.

David Jukes' outgoing gift to the people of Tunbridge Wells and the surrounding areas was to set up a fund offering grants to apprentices towards tools and their training.

But the 69-year-old former construction boss says more needs to be done to help firms – particularly those in his industry of expertise – take on trainee bricklayers, carpenters, plumbers and so on.

He said: "The Government says it wants to create 400,000 new apprenticeships this year but that's a pretty big target when they're not doing much to help companies afford them.

"A lot of small businesses are keen to take them on because apprentices will help them expand. For years firms have been importing skilled labourers in from abroad, but since the recession that has slowed down a lot so we need to replace them with our own.

"A company will only start to make money out of an apprentice once he takes out his tools and becomes useful, so I'd like to see tax breaks for those which take them on.

"The qualifications should also be simplified so they are more job-specific, and a commitment to employ apprentices should also start to be built into section 106 planning agreements."

Cllr Jukes reached the end of his term as mayor of Tunbridge Wells a fortnight ago.

But rather than leave a gift to decorate the office, he instead broke with tradition and launched the David Jukes Craft Apprentice Fund to mark the end of his time in office.



CHARITABLE: Cllr David Jukes

Thousands of pounds worth of donations have already flooded into the charity after he contacted former colleagues in the industry, some of whose careers he helped launch by taking them on as apprentices.

He said: "Not everyone wants to go to university. Labour in 1997 said it wanted 50 per cent of young people to go to university, but where does that leave the other 50 per cent? Having to support everybody else, that's where.

"A lot of youngsters who go to university are very clever but they're useless because they can't do anything with their hands.

"Some people will never be very good academically, but they will still contribute a great deal to the economy because they're good at practical things.

"That's where apprentices come in, and that's why I've launched this charity to help them in any way I can."

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Pub games in the spotlight as students tackle live TV



CUT! Broadcast degree students at the UCA

BROADCAST media students at the University for the Creative Arts filmed a gameshow at Maidstone television studios.

The show – called Pub Game – is the brainchild of student Dylan Cox and involves contestants taking part in a series of tasks in front of a live studio audience.

Students from the university's BA (Hons) creative theatre and film course were also involved in the project, applying the skills learned on their course to the staging and production of the show.

Simon Welsford, senior lecturer for broadcast media, was delighted with how well his students took to the task.

He said: "The recording of the show went extremely well and there was a fantastic atmosphere in the audience. The students really achieved the 'Friday night in the pub' feeling they were aiming for.

"Audience participation was essential to the show, and our audience was taken from two local competing pubs.

"Being based at Maidstone Studios and using their facilities in this way is an excellent professional grounding for our students.

"Employability is a key aim of the course, and the opportunities for work placement and professional contacts give our students an enviable advantage." Show creator Dylan Cox added: "Broadcast media at Maidstone Studios has bridged the gap between education and work-based learning.

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Those who attend next month's session in Rochester will learn more about what it takes to become an adult education teacher, including routes into the job, and advice on what qualities make a successful teacher.

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For an application pack and further details visit www.midkent.ac.uk or e mail job.applications@midkent.ac.uk. Alternatively you may contact Human Resources on 01634 383102.

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Abbey Court School

"We grow people"

Abbey Court School provides a stimulating, challenging and safe learning environment where pupils and staff efforts, work and achievement are celebrated.

We are currently looking for a

MUSIC THERAPIST

to join and enhance our high calibre team

Medway Scale B1 - point 27 to 36 (£22,958 to £30,011)
(Full time - term time only - pro rata)

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This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Any offer of appointment for post is subject to a satisfactory Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure.

Closing Date: 24th June 2011

Interview Date: 4th July 2011

For an application pack, or to make an appointment to visit, please contact Mrs Linda Taylor, Business Manager, Abbey Court School, Rede Court Road, Strood, Kent, ME2 3SP (01634 338236), stating the position for which you are applying.

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Agriculture, Forestry, Environment

Rural Retail Advisor
All Kent
Salary TBC
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Action with Communities in Rural Kent is a registered charity, Number 212796.
To apply/more information: Rural Kent
info@ruralkent.org.uk
Quoting Job Ref: ARCHANT KOS MEDIA

Catering, Hospitality

ROUTE OPERATOR
Maidstone
Salary £12,854 PER ANNUM
To apply/more information: Garden County Vending
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Chamber Person
Canterbury
Salary TBC
To apply/more information: Yorke Lodge
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: ARCHANT KOS MEDIA

Child Care

Staff Nurse - Registered General Nurse
Surrey
Salary 11000-15000
To apply/more information: spotterton@strgroup.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Senior Staff Nurse
London
Salary 33000-38000
To apply/more information: spotterton@strgroup.co.uk
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Childrens Club Leaders
Dover
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Education, Teacher, School

Outreach Worker
London
Salary 21375-23277
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Salary 45000-55000
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Leisure, Tourism, Travel

Childrens Club Leaders
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jobs@livebusiness.co.uk
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Management, Senior Positions

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sr@benecareltd.co.uk
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All Kent
Salary TBC
To apply/more information: Rural Kent
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Motor Trade, Driver

HGV 1 & 2 (C/C+E) CPCS HIAB Operators
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darren.burke@wbservicesuk.co.uk
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Class 2 drivers required for multi drop food delivery for our Kent based clients. Up to 25-30 drops per day. Cage and pallet work with goods needing to be handballed. A digital tachograph card is essential. Regular work available for flexible applicants. Good rates of pay, PAYE or Limited Company welcome. Other assignments available. Contact Alex or Jim on 01622 664999 to arrange registration.
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London
Salary 21375
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Quoting Job Ref: kos

Oncology Nurse
London
Salary 21000-29000
To apply/more information: spotterton@strgroup.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Senior Staff Nurse
London
Salary 33000-38000
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Scientific & Pharmaceutical, Research

Laboratory Assistant
Sussex
Salary 16000-20000
To apply/more information: mtellwright@strgroup.co.uk
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Transport, Logistics, Aviation

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

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BIRTHS

BOWMAN
John and Samantha are proud to announce the safe arrival of Miss Evie-Belle Bowman on 16th May. She is here to brighten up the world.

BROWN
Alice Jane born on the 16th May, 2011, weighing 8lb 1oz. Daughter to Steve and Jenny in Folkestone

CARTER
Daniel and Rachael are delighted to announce the arrival of their beautiful baby daughter Poppy May Carter, who was born on 14th May, 2011. We will love and treasure her forever. xxx

CHAN
Phoebe Mae Chan born on 4th May, 2011, weighing 7lb 1oz. Daughter to Sam and Eddie Chan.

CHANTLER
Julie and Andy Chantler celebrate the birth of their son Matthew, born on 4th May, 2011, weighing 7lb 12oz.

CHIHWAYI
Pelagia and Taks Chihwayi celebrate the birth of their beautiful daughter Nakai Faith Gianna on the 19th May, 2011.

DONNELLY-LEIGHTON
Damien and Leasha would like to announce the arrival of their daughter Amelie Patricia weighing 7lb 4oz. Beautiful little sister for our darling Ella.

EDWARDS
Mat and Kate are delighted to announce the birth of their son Isaac Alexander Edwards, born at 8.04pm on 13th May, 2011, weighing a whopping 11lb 13oz! Much loved brother for Grace and Jude.

HARRISON
Zachary Stanley George born on 20th May, 2011, weighing in at 6lb 15oz. Son to Anthony and Kelly in Maidstone. Proud grandparents are Janet, Dave, Malcolm, Laura, Jake, Trish and Chris.

HESSELWORTH
Danielle and Jonathan of Deal are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter May Sylvia Hesselworth, born on 4th May 2011 at QEQM Hospital. A sister for Amy and Joe.

JOHNSON
Kellie and Jamie are proud to announce the birth of Charlie James born on the 18th April 2011. Little Brother for Frankie Jack

QUINTON-ROY
Damian and Sarah are delighted to welcome Freya Skye Quinton-Roy into their loving family. Proud grandparents are Alan and Sue Roy and Geoff and Sheena Quinton. Big kisses and cuddles from everyone including Baloo. x

SANHANGA
Tadiwanashe Jathaneil born on 1st May, 2011, weighing 3.29 Kg. Son to Patricia Sanhanga in Essex.

SPICER-GORMLEY
Jack born on 12th May, 2011, weighing 7lbs 9oz. Son to Rebecca and Sean and baby brother to Charlotte.

TRICE
Gareth and Elizabeth are delighted to announce the birth of Tommy William Trice, born on 20th May, 2011, weighing 8lb 11oz. A brother to Jack and Alfie.

TSANG
Ethan Hei born on 25th April, 2011, weighing 9lb 1oz. Son to Chung Hang and Ah Wai and baby brother for Aiden Jing.

WILKINSON
Craig and Lydia of Ramsgate celebrate the birth of their daughter Lexie May Wilkinson on 12th May, 2011. You are the miracle who we will love and treasure forever.

DEATHS

EVERETT
Margaret Everett passed away suddenly at the William Harvey Hospital on the 18th May 2011. Sadly missed by all the family. She leaves 3 sons, 4 grandchildren and 1 great-grandson.

STAPLES
Doris Miriam May Staples sadly passed away on the 21st May 2011. Will be sadly missed. All enquiries to Doves in Swanley 01322 669000.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Ashford

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(A28 ST MICHAELS, TENTERDEN)

(SPEED LIMITS) ORDER 2011

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

Notice is hereby given that the KENT COUNTY COUNCIL proposes to make the above named Order under section 84(1), (2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, (hereinafter called "the Act") and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with paragraph 20 of Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act,

The effect of the Order will be to remove a section of the existing 40 mph speed limit from the northern boundary of a property named Churchfields, for a distance of approximately 950 metres in a southwards direction, which will by virtue of a system of street lighting set less than 183 metres apart, automatically impose restricted road status (30mph) on this length of the Ashford Road (A28) St Michaels, Tenterden.

A copy of the proposed Order, statement of the Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order, a map indicating the location and the effect and a copy of any other Orders which will be amended by the proposed Order may be examined at the Council Offices of Ashford Borough Council, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Kent and at Kent County Council, Sessions House, Maidstone during normal opening times.

If you wish to offer support for or object to the proposed Order you should send your grounds for your observations in writing to the Transport and Development Manager Kent Highway Services, Ashford Highway Depot, Javelin Way, Henwood Industrial Estate, Ashford, TN24 8AD or by email to td.eastkent@kent.gov.uk by 12 noon on 27th June 2011

CHURCH ROAD, ASHFORD (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway and footway improvement works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Church Road, Ashford, on or after 6 June 2011 for up to 3 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Queen Street and Norwood Street.

The alternative route is via A292 Elwick Road, Bank Street and Tufton Street.

The One-way Traffic Order in respect of Church Road between Norwood Street and Tufton Street, and the No Right Turn Order from Tufton Street into Church Road, will be suspended to allow access up to the point of closure.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(OLANTIGH ROAD, WYE, ASHFORD)

(SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2011

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

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The effect of the proposed Order would be to extend the existing 30mph speed limit in Olantigh Road, for a distance approximately 65 metres in a north easterly direction, to the northern boundary of a property named Middlefield Cottage.

A copy of the proposed Order, statement of the Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order, a map indicating the location and the effect and a copy of any other Orders which will be amended by the proposed Order may be examined at the Council Offices of Ashford Borough Council, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Kent and at Kent County Council, Sessions House, Maidstone during normal opening times.

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HIGHWAYS - District of Canterbury

MINSTER DRIVE, HERNE BAY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to provide a new waste-water connection, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Minster Drive, Herne Bay, on or after 20 June 2011 for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at the junction with Western Avenue.

The alternative route is via Western Avenue, Sea Street and Albany Drive.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Dartford

HIGHCROSS ROAD, SOUTHFLEET - (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Highcross Road, Southfleet from its junction with Whitehill Road and Hook Green Road.

The Order will become effective on 6th June 2011, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to last 3 days. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Whitehill Road, Green Street Green Road and Sandbanks Hill.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate BT works.

HIGHWAYS - District of Dover

LAURESTON PLACE, DOVER (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Laureston Place, Dover, on or after 6 June 2011 for up to 4 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at the junction with Castle Hill.

The alternative route is via A258 Castle Hill Road and Victoria Park.

UPPER STREET, KINGSDOWN (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway resurfacing, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Upper Street, Kingsdown, on or after 6 June 2011 for up to 11 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed for its entire length.

The alternative route is via Chalk Hill Road, Ringwould Road, A258 Dover Road, Granville Road, Kingsdown Road and Cliffe Road.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Maidstone

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (SYMONDS LANE, YALDING)

(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Symonds Lane outside Pear Paddock on or after Monday 20th June 2011 for a period of up to 1 week or until such works are completed.

The alternative route is via B2162 Benover Road/Lees Road, Lees Road.

Southern Gas Networks apologise for any inconvenience caused by these works, which are necessary for a new gas supply. Should you require any further information for these works, please contact Amy Colvin on 01689 881315.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (WEEK STREET, MAIDSTONE)

(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)(SUSPENSION OF ONE WAY AND NO ENTRY ORDER) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Week Street, outside of 91 on or after Monday 20th June 2011 when required for a period of up to 1 week or until such works are complete. The one way order on Week Street between Station Road (northern most section) to St Faith's Street and the no entry from St Faith's Street on to Week Street are temporary suspended during the closure to allow for access.

The alternative route is via Station Road, St. Faith's Street and Week Street.

Southern Gas Networks apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works that are necessary to install a new gas supply. Should you require any further information about these works, their contact is Amy Colvin on 01689 881315.

HIGHWAYS - District of Sevenoaks

CHIPSTEAD LANE, RIVERHEAD - (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Chipstead Lane, Riverhead between Cape House and A25 Worships Hill. The one way traffic order on Chipstead Lane, Riverhead from its junction with Barnfield Road to the start of the temporary road closure will be rescinded for the duration of this order for access.

The Order will become effective on 20th June 2011. It will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months. The restriction will be effective when required and when the appropriate signage is in place. The works are planned to last for 4 days.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Witches Lane and A25 Worships Hill

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate electrical cable fault.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Swale

CHESTNUT STREET, BORDEN (WIDTH RESTRICTION) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Kent County Council has made an Order to suspend the 6' 6" width restriction on Chestnut Street, Borden, on or after 6 June 2011 for up to 5 days or until works have been completed.

This is for the use of Chestnut Street as a diversion whilst the southbound carriageway of the A249 is closed for maintenance works, and applies when the relevant signs are covered or removed.

This Order suspends the Kent County Council (Various Roads, Borden, Bredgar, Bicknor, Tunstall and Sittingbourne) (Width Restriction) Order 1990.

LUTON ROAD, FAVERSHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of Gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Luton Road, Faversham, on or after 20 June 2011 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at the junction with Minster Road.

There is no alternative route.

The One-way Traffic Orders in respect of Luton Road and Minster Road (between the junctions with Luton Road and Westgate Road) will be suspended to allow access up to the point of closure.

HIGHWAYS - District of Thanet

ASHBURNHAM ROAD, RAMSGATE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Ashburnham Road, Ramsgate, on or after 20 June 2011 for up to 8 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from the junction with Southwood Road to the end of the cul-de-sac.

The alternative route is via A255 High Street St Lawrence and Chapel Road.

There is no alternative route whilst the section beyond the junction with Chapel Road is closed, but every effort will be made to maintain access for residents whenever it is safe to do so.

COTTINGTON ROAD, MINSTER (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works for the construction of new bridge parapets in connection with the forthcoming East Kent Access Road, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Cottington Road, Minster, on or after 8 June 2011 for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed for a total of 3 nights within the closure period, with the specific dates advised and signed on site. The planned times of closure are between 10.30 pm and 5.00 am.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions with Thorne Hill / Ebbsfleet Lane to the junction with Oakland Court.

The alternative route is via Foads Lane, Cliffs End Road, A256 Sandwich Road, Lord of the Manor Interchange, A299 Canterbury Road West, Tothill Street, Foxborough Lane, The Lanes and Grinsell Hill.

COTTAGE ROAD, RAMSGATE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to install a new gas supply to Hibernia Cottage, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Cottage Road, Ramsgate, on or after 6 June 2011 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Abbot's Hill and Hibernia Street.

The alternative route is via Hibernia Street, Camden Road and Abbot's Hill.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Tonbridge & Malling

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (LOVE LANE, WATERINGBURY)

(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Love Lane, from outside number 5 to Mill Oast House on or after Monday 6th June 2011 when required for a period of up to 1 week or until such works are complete.

The alternative route is via A26 Tonbridge Road, Mill Lane.

Kent Highway Services apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works that are necessary for drainage works. Should you require any further information about these works, their contact is Jamie Finch on 08458 247 800.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Tunbridge Wells

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(B2083 COMMON ROAD, SISSINGHURST)

(30 MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2011

Notice is hereby given that the KENT COUNTY COUNCIL proposes to make the above named Order under section 84(1), (2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, (hereinafter called "the Act") and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with paragraph 20 of Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act,

The effect of the proposed Order will be to extend the existing 30mph speed limit on B2083 Common Road, Sissinghurst to a point 557 metres from its junction with The Street in a generally south-westerly direction.

A copy of the proposed Order, statement of the Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order, a map indicating the location and the effect and a copy of any other Orders which will be amended by the

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proposed Order may be examined at the Council Offices of Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, Town Road, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent and at Kent County Council, Sessions House, Maidstone during normal opening times.

If you wish to offer support for or object to the proposed Order you should send your grounds for your observations in writing to the Transport and Development Manager Kent Highway Services, Cranbrook Highway Depot, Swattenden Lane, Cranbrook, TN17 3PS or by email to td.sevenoaks.twells@kent.gov.uk by 12 noon on Monday 27th June 2011.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(SANDROCK ROAD, TUNBRIDGE WELLS)

(PROHIBITION OF WAITING) NO 3 ORDER 2011

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

The Kent County Council proposes to make an Order under Sections 1,2, 4 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which would be to prohibit vehicles from waiting at any time in the lengths of roads specified in the Schedule to this Order.

Exemptions would be provided in the Order to enable a vehicle to wait with police permission or for passengers to board or alight, for disabled badge holders, for the loading and unloading of goods, for enabling work to be carried out in or adjacent to the road and for emergency service vehicles.

A copy of the proposed Order and the relevant plans and other relevant documents may be inspected during normal office hours at Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, The Gateway, Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells and Kent County Council, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone ME14 1XQ.

If you wish to support or object to the proposed Order, you should state you reasons in writing to the Network Performance Team, 1st Floor Invicta House, Invicta House, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX to be received no later than noon on 27th June 2011. If you require any further information please contact Kent Highway Services Contact Centre on 08458 247 800.

THE SCHEDULE

No waiting at any time

Sandrock Road, Tunbridge Wells - South side - from a point 10 metres east of its junction with College Drive to a point 15 metres west of its junction with Cleveland.

Katherine Kerswell
Group Managing Director
Invicta House
County Hall,
Maidstone
Kent, ME14 1XQ **Dated 3rd June 2011**

For further information, please contact Kent Highway Services, on 08458 247 800 (local rate) or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways

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PLANNING

THE MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Town and Country Planning Act
Notice of Applications

MA/10/1262/S - SUNNYCOTE, HIGH STREET, MARDEN, TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN12 9DR - Erection of a two storey side extension and single storey rear extension. **Reason: 1, 2**

MA/11/0105/N - BISHOPS, AVERY LANE, OTHAM, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 8RZ - Change of use of land to the keeping of horses; demolition of existing haybarn and store; and erection of a new two-block stable and a haybarn/machine store/tool store. **Reason: 1**

MA/11/0538/S - LAND EAST OF, LIVESEY STREET, TESTON, KENT - Change of use of the land for the keeping of horses and the stationing of a caravan for the purpose of providing a weather proof place for storage and mixing food for the horses. **Reason: 2, 6**

MA/11/0551/N - RUMWOOD OAST, NEW ROAD, LANGLEY, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 3NF - Change of use of land for the keeping of horses and erection of a stable block and manure bin. **Reason: 1, 6**

MA/11/0685/S - 1, SOVEREIGNS WAY, MARDEN, TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN12 9QF - Erection of replacement conservatory. **Reason: 2**

MA/11/0707/S - 4, BUXTON CLOSE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 6BJ - Erection of a first floor side extension and ground floor side and rear extensions. **Reason: 1**

MA/11/0715/N - HUCKING COURT, CHURCH ROAD, HUCKING, KENT, ME17 1QT - An application for listed building consent for installation of dormer window to front elevation, erection of a storm porch to rear elevation and erection of extension to brick shed. **Reason: 3**

MA/11/0730/N - 2, ASHFORD ROAD, BEARSTED, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 4LP - Loft conversion with insertion of two side dormers, external terrace and fire escape. **Reason: 1**

MA/11/0731/N - LAND AT JUCTION OF, WEST PARK ROAD AND YORK ROAD, MAIDSTONE - Application to extend the time limit for the implementation of planning permission MA/07/1269 (Erection of twelve two bedroom, three person flats). **Reason: 1, 6**

MA/11/0735/N - THE STABLES, GREEN HILL, OTHAM, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 8RR - Erection of a timber clad garage/store (Resubmission of MA/11/0295). **Reason: 1, 2**

MA/11/0740/S - VERRALLS BARN, ST ANNS GREEN LANE, MARDEN, TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN12 9AQ - Repair and reconstruction of fire-damaged residential barn conversion. **Reason: 1**

MA/11/0744/S - THE ORCHARDS SNOWEY TRACK OFF, PARK LANE, BOUGHTON MONCHELSEA, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 4JJ - The change of use of the site to a residential caravan site for 4 gypsy families involving the siting of 4 mobile homes, 4 touring caravans, the erection of 4 brick-built amenity blocks with associated parking areas. **Reason: 6**

MA/11/0748/S - PINKHORN GREEN FARM, TATTLEBURY LANE, HEADCORN, ASHFORD, KENT, TN27 9JU - Erection of a new farm building for additional cattle housing. **Reason: 1**

MA/11/0752/N - TOWN HALL, MIDDLE ROW, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 1TF - An application for Listed Building consent for works to the lead gutter serving the roof, including removal of redundant SV pipe from front elevation and replacement with cast iron downpipe. **Reason: 3**

MA/11/0764/S - 92, THE QUARRIES, BOUGHTON MONCHELSEA, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 4NJ - Erection of a two storey rear extension. **Reason: 1**

Reasons for advertisement key:
1 - Applications affects the setting of a Listed Building.
2 - Application affects the setting of a Conservation Area.
3 - Application is for Listed Building Consent.
6 - Application is Major Development.

MAIDSTONE Borough Council

Copies of applications listed may be seen at Maidstone Gateway, Maidstone during office hours (Monday to Wednesday 8.30am to 5.30pm, Thursday 8.30am to 7pm, Friday 8.30am to 5.30pm and Saturday 9am to 1pm). Any representations should be made in writing to me by no later than **19th June 2011**, quoting the application number. Rob Jarman, Head of Development Management, Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6JQ. Dated: 5th June 2011

Town and Country Planning Acts

The Council is required to give notice of the following applications

11/01416/HOUSE **Linfold Franks Hollow Road, Bidborough**
- Extension of time - Extension to ground floor and first floor (TW/08/01252/FUL refers) (LB) (CA)

11/01445/FUL **Bournes Stores High Street, Brenchley**
- Change of use from retail space to tea room and retail shop (CA) (LB)

11/01481/HOUSE **8 Broadwater Down Royal Tunbridge Wells, Broadwater**
- Two storey rear extension and conversion of existing garage and former stables into living accommodation (CA)

11/01453/OUT **4 West Terrace High Street, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst**
- Extention of time - Outline (access, layout and scale not reserved) - New dwelling and parking (TW/08/01213/OUT refers) (CA) (PROW)

11/01261/FUL **Stable Block 29 Mount Ephraim, Culverden**
- Change of use from art restoration and picture framing to furniture repair and recovering (CA) (LB)

11/01302/HOUSE **Lime Tree House Cranbrook Road, Goudhurst**
- Replace existing north boundary hedge with 2m high brick wall (LB)

11/01446/FUL **Three Chimneys Farmhouse Bedgebury Road, Goudhurst**
- Conversion and extension of brick and tile barn/stable to provide residential accommodation similar to adjacent converted farm buildings (LB)

11/00217/FULMJ **Lillesden Park Hastings Road, Hawkhurst**
- Change of use and alteration to Lillesden House to form 14 residential apartments, new residential 'enabling' development comprising 4 detached and 6 terraced houses with new access to the Hastings Road, associated car parking and garaging, and demolition of former ancillary school buildings (MAJOR) (CA) (DEVPLN) (LB)

11/01527/FUL **Barnfeld Barn High Street, Hawkhurst**
- Variation of condition 2 of TW/07/00448 - all the windows at ground and first foor levels to be completely obscure glazed (LB)(CA)

11/01460/HOUSE **Church Cottage Brick Kiln Lane, Horsmonden**
- Ground floor single storey rear extension and related alterations (LB)

11/01461/LBC **Church Cottage Brick Kiln Lane, Horsmonden**
- Listed Building Consent - Ground floor single-storey rear extension and related alterations (LB)

11/01441/HOUSE **7 Calverley Park Royal Tunbridge Wells, Park**
- Demolition of existing single garage and construction of new double garage with basement store room (CA)(LB)

11/01442/LBC **7 Calverley Park Roya Tunbridge Wells, Park**
- Listed Building Consent - Demolition of existing single garage and construction of new double garage with basement store room (LB)

11/01455/FUL **37 - 41 Camden Road Royal Tunbridge Wells, Park**
- Alteration of existing flats on first and second floors to create five flats in total including conversion of existing roofspace (CA)

11/01135/FUL **14B Lower Green Road Royal Tunbridge Wells, Rusthall**
- Demolition of existing mews structure and erection of replacement building in same style to form 3No. mews maisonettes (CA)

11/01136/CAC **14B Lower Green Road Royal Tunbridge Wells, Rusthall**
- Conservation Area Consent: Demolition of existing mews structure (CA)

11/01459/HOUSE **Lyle Cottage Back Road, Sandhurst**
- First floor extension over existing garage and conversion of garage to habitable accommodation (CA) (LB)

11/01421/HOUSE **22 Prospect Park Southborough, Southborough North**
- Raised garden decking (work commenced) (CA)

11/01432/LBC **Caenwood Farm Reynolds Lane, St Johns**
- Listed Building Consent: To install solar pv panels to the roof of an outbuilding (LB)

(DEVPLN) Departure from the Development Plan (PROW) Affecting A Public Right of Way (CA) Affecting a Conservation Area (LB) Affecting a Listed Building (MAJOR) Major Applications (MAST) Mast Applications (EIA) Applications Accompanied by an EIA Statement.

You may view these applications on our website (www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk), at the The Old Fire Station, Stone Street, Cranbrook or at Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells. We accept comments online, by email to planningcomments@tunbridgewells.gov.uk or in writing to the address below. Comments should be made within 21 days from the date of this notice, although we may accept them after this date.

You should quote the reference and be aware that we make all comments available for inspection, placing them on the fle and publishing them on the internet. We do not publish signatures, telephone numbers or email addresses on the internet.

Jim Kehoe
Head of Planning Services Town Hall
Royal Tunbridge Wells TN1 1RS

Dated: 04 June 2011

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council

PREMISES/ GOODS LICENCES

Goods Vehicle Operator's Licence

Colin Lumsden trading as CPL Transport Services (UK) Ltd of Griffin Farm, Appledore, Ashford, Kent, TN26 2BA is applying to change an existing licence as follows

- To keep an extra 2 goods vehicles and 2 trailers at the Operating Centre at Griffin Farm, Appledore, Ashford, Kent, TN26 2BA

Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds, LS9 6NF stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's Office.

Goods Vehicle Operator's Licence

Susan Jayne Armstrong trading as S J Armstrong of 11 Medway Road, Crayford, Dartford, Kent DA1 4PN is applying to change an existing licence as follows

- to keep an extra 1 goods vehicle and 1 trailer at the operating centre at Unit 8 Mulberry Way, Belvedere, Kent, DA17 6AN

Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds, LS9 6NF stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to Making Representations is available from theTraffic Commissioner's Office.

Licensing Act 2003
Application for the grant of a Premises Licence/Club Premises Certificate

An application for a Premises Licence at Amherst Academy School, Witches Lane, Riverhead, Kent TN13 2AX has been made by Amherst School PTA

A summary of the proposed licensable activities and the proposed hours of opening:

To allow plays, films and performances of dance everyday from 09:00 - 23:00. Live music, recorded music, anything similar to E,F or G, facilities for making music and facilities for dancing everyday 17:00 - 00:00, Sale of alcohol Monday to Friday 18:00 - 00:00 hours and Saturday and Sunday 12:00 - 00:00.

The premises will be open on Monday to Thursday from 09:00 - 00:00, Friday and Saturday 09:00 - 01:00 and Sunday 09:00 - 00:30.

Any person wishing to view details of an application can contact the licensing team on 01732 227004. Any person wishing to make representation about the proposals should make them in writing by 20th June 2011 to: Licensing Partnership, Council Offices, PO Box 182, Argyle Road, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN13 1GP licensing@sevenoaks.gov.uk www.sevenoaks.gov.uk

It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application. The maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary of conviction for the offence is £5,000.

To place your notice here call the Kent Public Notice team on

01303 817044

MARRIAGE LICENCES

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949 AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004

APPROVED PREMISES FOR CIVIL MARRIAGES & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

An application has been made to Kent County Council to grant a renewal of an approval for the following premises to act as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-

Name of Premises: **Mount Ephraim, Hernhill, Faversham**

Applicant: **Mr William Dawes**

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the renewal of the grant of approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

Giles Adey
Head of Registration,
Regulatory Services
First Floor, Invicta House,
Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1X

Kent County Council

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949 AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004

APPROVED PREMISES FOR CIVIL MARRIAGES & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

An application has been made to Kent County Council to grant a renewal of an approval for the following premises to act as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-

Name of Premises: **Dover Discovery Centre, Market Square, Dover**

Applicant: **Mrs Sharon Birch**

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the renewal of the grant of approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

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Kent County Council

PROW - City of Canterbury

NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF MODIFICATION ORDER

WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981

DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT FOR THE FORMER EXCLUDED AREA OF WHITSTABLE

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (PUBLIC FOOTPATH CWX41 AT WHITSTABLE)

DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER 2011

On 24th May 2011 the Kent County Council confirmed the above Order without modifications.

The effect of the Order as confirmed is to modify the Definitive Map and Statement for the area by adding a Footpath (CWX41) which commences on Green Lane and runs in a northerly direction for 55 metres before turning in a north- easterly direction and continuing for 44 metres to its connection with Harwich Street (Between the points A and B on the Order Plan). The path has a width of 0.9 metres at its entrance from Green Lane and widens to 1.2 metres for the first 55 metres, the path widens to 1.4 metres for the remaining 44 metres. The route then narrows at its connection with Harwich Street to 0.9 metres due to a lamppost on the route.

All distances are approximate, all directions are general.

A copy of the Order as confirmed and Map may be seen free of charge during office hours at the offices of Canterbury City Council, Military Road, Canterbury, Kent, CT1 1YW or at the Kent County Council, Countryside Access Service, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. Copies of the Order and map may also be purchased there.

This Order became operative as from 24th May 2011 but if a person aggrieved by the Order desires to question the validity thereof or of any provision contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of Section 53(3)(c)(i) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, or that any of the requirements of Schedule 15 to the Act have not been complied with in relation to the confirmation of the Order, he may, under Paragraph 12 of Schedule 15 to the Act, within 42 days from 5th June 2011 make application for the purpose to the High Court.

PROW - Borough of Swale

NOTICE OF PUBLIC PATH ORDERS

IN THE BOROUGH OF SWALE

HIGHWAYS ACT 1980

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

I) (PUBLIC FOOTPATH ZS38 (PART), LEYSDOWN) PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION AND DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER 2011

II) (PUBLIC FOOTPATH ZS37 (PART), LEYSDOWN) PUBLIC PATH EXTINGUISHMENT AND DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER 2011

III) (PUBLIC FOOTPATH ZS37 (PART), LEYSDOWN) PUBLIC PATH CREATION AND DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER 2011

IV) (PUBLIC BRIDLEWAY ZS45 (PARTS), LEYSDOWN) PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION AND DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER 2011

The above Orders, made under sections 118,119 & 26 of the Highways Act 1980 will:-

i) divert the entire width of that length of Public Footpath ZS38 which commences at the unaffected part of Public Footpath ZS38, NGR TR0392 6963 (Point A) and passes for 332 metres in a north north easterly direction to a connection with Public Footpath ZS51 at NGR TR0938 6996, (Point C).

ii) extinguish the entire width of that length of Public Footpath ZS37 which commences at a point 16 metres to the south of Paradise Farmhouse at NGR TR0230 7032 (Point A) and passes for 138 metres in a south south westerly direction to its connection with the unaffected length of Public Footpath ZS37 at NGR TR0227 7019 (Point B).

iv) a) divert the entire width of that length of Public Bridleway ZS45 which commences at NGR TR0423 6934 (Point A) and passes for 580 metres in a south south westerly direction to the unaffected part of Public Bridleway ZS45 at NGR TR0395 6891, (Point B).

b) divert the entire width of that length of Public Bridleway ZS45 which commences at the unaffected part of Public Bridleway ZS45 at NGR TR0370 6876, (Point C), and passes in a south south westerly direction for 2616 metres to its connection with Public Bridleway ZS44A at NGR TR0253 6680, (Point D).

and will provide: -

i) a new length of **Public Footpath ZS38** which commences at the unaffected part of Public Footpath ZS38 at NGR TR0392 6963 (Point A), and passes in a north north easterly direction for 358 metres to a new connection with Public Footpath ZS51 at NGR TR0396 6998 (Point B). The new length of path will have a width of 2 metres. There will be a kissing gate at NGR TR 0396 6998 (Point B). The kissing gates will conform to BS 5709:2006.

iii) a new length of **Public Footpath ZS37** by adding that length which commences at the connection with the unaffected length of Public Footpath ZS37 at NGR TR0227 7019 (point B) and passes for 97 metres in a northerly direction along the eastern edge of the field boundary before passing through a Kissing gate at NGR TR0226 7028 (Point X). The route then proceeds in a northerly direction for 110 metres along the western edge of the field boundary before crossing back to the eastern side through a gap. The route then proceeds for 69 metres in a north north westerly direction to connect with Leysdown Road at NGR TR0221 7045 (Point A). The new length of path will have a width of 2 metres.

iv) a) a new length of **Public Bridleway ZS45** which commences at NGR TR0423 6934, (Point A) and passes in a south south westerly direction for 510 metres to the unaffected part of Public Bridleway ZS45 at NGR TR0395 6891, (Point B). The new length of way will have a width of 3 metres.

b) a new length of **Public Bridleway ZS45** which commences at NGR TR0370 6876, (Point C) and passes in a south south westerly direction for 2040 metres to its connection point with Public Bridleway ZS44A at NGR TR0250 6738, (Point E). The new length of way will have a width of 3 metres.

All directions general, all distances approximate.

Copies of the Orders and Maps have been placed and may be seen free of charge at the offices of Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 3HT or at the Countryside Access Service at Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX, during office hours. Copies of the Orders and Maps may be purchased there.

Any representations about or objections to the Orders may be sent in writing to Colin Finch at the address below before 4 July 2011. Please state the grounds on which they are made and quote the relevant path reference (e.g. ZS37).

If no representations or objections are duly made, or if any so made are withdrawn, the Kent County Council may confirm the Order as an unopposed Order. If the Order is sent to the Secretary of State for the Environment for confirmation any representations and objections which have not been withdrawn will be sent with the Order.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER

HIGHWAYS ACT 1980

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(PUBLIC FOOTPATH ZR193 (PART) TONGE)

PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION AND DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER 2011

The above Order made under Section 119 of the Highways Act 1980 to divert the entire width of that length of public footpath numbered ZR193 which commences at NGR TQ 9356 6311 (Point A) on the Order Plan, and runs in a northerly direction for 68 metres to NGR TQ 9355 6318 (Point B),and then in a west north- westerly direction for 148 metres to join with Hempstead Lane at NGR TQ 9341 6323 (Point C). Between Points A-B-C on the Order Plan; and will add a new length of public footpath numbered ZR193 with a width of 2 metres which commences at NGR 9356 6311 (Point A) on the Order Plan, and runs in a generally west north- westerly direction for approximately 180 metres to join with Hempstead Lane at NGR TQ 9339 6316 (Point D). Between Points A-D on the Order Plan.

All directions general, all distances approximate.

A copy of the Order and the Map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at the Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 3HT or the Kent County Council, Environment & Waste at Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone ME14 1XX during office hours. Copies of the Order and Map may be purchased there.

Any representation about or objection to the Order may be sent in writing to Matthew Garvey at the address below (Tel: 01622 221971) before 04 July 2011. Please state the grounds on which they are made.

If no representations or objections are duly made, or if any so made are withdrawn, Kent County Council may confirm the Order as an unopposed Order. If the Order is sent to the Secretary of State for the Environment for confirmation any representations and objections which have not been withdrawn will be sent with the Order.

PROW - Borough of Tonbridge & Malling

NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF MODIFICATION ORDER

WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981

DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT FOR THE COUNTY OF KENT

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (PUBLIC BRIDLEWAY MT416 AT SHIPBOURNE)

DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER 2011

On 24th May 2011 the Kent County Council confirmed the above Order without modifications.

The effect of the Order as confirmed is to modify the Definitive Map and Statement for the area by adding a Bridleway (MT416) with a width of 3 metres which commences at the south-eastern corner of Avenue Cottage on public bridleway MT50 at NGR TQ 5895 5092 (Point A), running in a south south- westerly direction for 19 metres to rejoin public bridleway MT50 at NGR 5894 5090 (Point B). (Between Point A and B on the Order Plan).

All distances are approximate, all directions are general.

A copy of the Order as confirmed and Map may be seen free of charge during office hours at the offices of Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council, Gibson Building, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4LZ or at the Kent County Council, Countryside Access Service, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. Copies of the Order and map may also be purchased there.

This Order became operative as from 24th May 2011 but if a person aggrieved by the Order desires to question the validity thereof or of any provision contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of Section 53(3)(c)(i) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, or that any of the requirements of Schedule 15 to the Act have not been complied with in relation to the confirmation of the Order, he may, under Paragraph 12 of Schedule 15 to the Act, within 42 days from 5th June 2011 make application for the purpose to the High Court.

Countryside Access Service
Kent County Council
Invicta House
County Hall
Maidstone
Kent ME14 1XX **Dated: 3rd June 2011**

The above notice(s) may be provided in other formats

For further information, please contact
Kent Countryside Access Service, on 0845 345 0210 (Mon-Fri 8am-8pm)
or visit www.kent.gov.uk/countryside access

Kent County Council

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010

NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13

KCC/SE/0244/2011 - Proposed development at Cowden Exploration Site, Field No. 0002, Claydene Farm, Off Hartfield Road, Cowden, Edenbridge, Kent.

Cuadrilla Resources Limited is applying to Kent County Council for planning permission for Section 73 application to vary condition (29) and (30) of permission SE/98/234 to retain the Cowden Exploration Site, access and wellhead valve assembly for a further period of one year to complete current planned testing operations.

You may view this application at Sevenoaks District Council, Council Offices, Argyle Road, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN13 1HG or at our offices at the address below during all reasonable office hours.

NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13 OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010 AND UNDER THE PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990

KCC/SW/0230/2011 - Proposed development at Davington Primary School, Priory Row, Davington, Faversham, Kent, ME13 7EQ.

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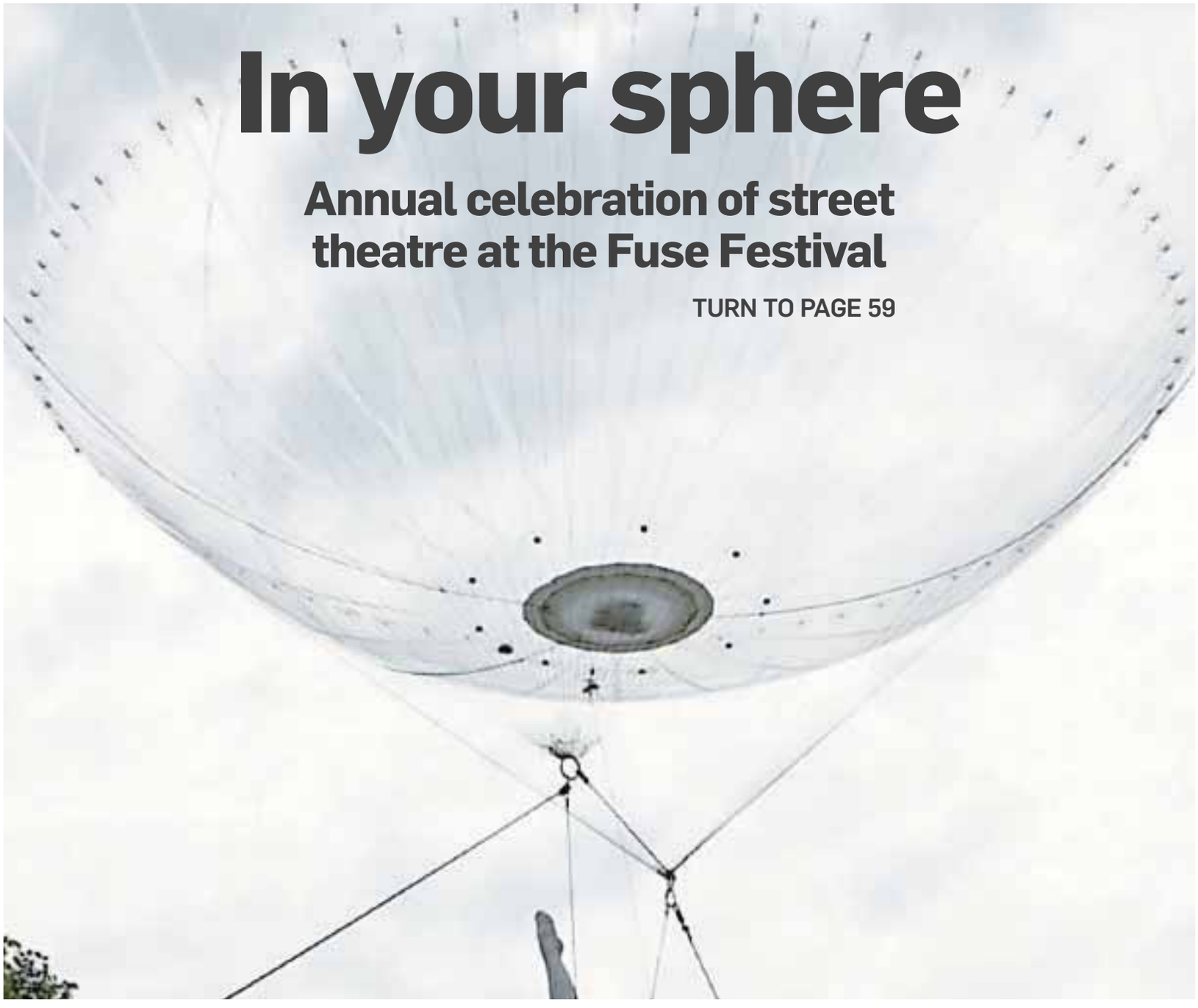


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Comic walks a fine line

Ed Hill talks to stand-up comedian Mark Thomas, whose latest show is based on his travels to the Middle East's conflict-ridden West Bank

MARK Thomas has never been afraid to tackle authority. Whether it be taking on the aristocracy for avoiding tax, or getting under the skin of the arms trade, his campaigning comedy sets him apart.

His latest project led him to one of the most conflict-ridden areas of the world, the separation barrier that encloses the Palestinian West Bank from Israel.

He said: "It's part of my curiosity about things. All walls eventually become walking paths, whether it is the Great Wall of China or Hadrian's Wall, so in a way it was an act of English subversion in treating a wall just like a footpath rather than a military barrier."

Building of the barricade started in 2002, after the second intifada [uprising], when there was a rise in conflict between Israel and Palestine. In places it is a high concrete wall; in others it is a broad barbed-wired gully.

Thomas said: "I was shocked by the brutality of it. You cannot underestimate the effect it has on people's lives and their human rights. It's about life and death."

The route of the wall has been predictably controversial. Land has been acquired by Israel, including illegal settlements created by extreme Israelis who want to live in the West Bank.

Thomas said: "It takes 9 per cent of land from the West Bank. It was put up because of public pressure and the suicide bombings that were happening at the time. Originally, Ariel Sharon, the then-prime minister of Israel, didn't want to build it. If you put up a wall, you create a boundary; if you create a boundary, then you give up on the idea of the West Bank being part of Israel, but public pressure was enormous."

Palestinians who want to cross the line either to work in Israel or for health treatment have to go through designated checkpoints, sometimes many miles from their home.

"It takes water and land and effectively turns the area into a series of campsites and destroys any future of a Palestinian state," said Thomas.

But despite all the arguments and violence, the barrier is a place of contrasts.

Thomas said: "The place itself is incredibly beautiful, with strangers who stop you and insist on feeding you. It was like being mugged but being given things."

However, there were times on the journey when the comedian came under attack from both sides.

He said: "At one time we got stoned, and that was terrifying as we got caught in a gully. Then we got covered in tear gas and we did worry that we may be jailed."



"The place itself is incredibly beautiful, with strangers who stop you and insist on feeding you... it was like being mugged but being given things

MARK THOMAS, ABOUT THE WEST BANK (above)



Picture: IDIL SUKAN

Thomas and his group were detained seven times by the Israeli authorities during his nine-week journey.

He said: "You can never read the situation on the ground. We were walking past one checkpoint and a soldier says 'Oi! Are you from London? I'm from Golders Green – come on you Arsenal'. You just think, what was that about?"

For Israelis the wall has brought greater safety, with suicide bombings down by 90 per cent, but it also creates huge discontent.

Thomas said: "My Israeli friends said after the second intifada no one cares – Israeli activists against the wall are in a minority.

"There are some people who worry about the economic effects of the wall. I met a council leader in Jenin who wants to set up an industrial zone. He recognises the economic consequences the wall has. The International Monetary Fund says the restriction of movement destroys the economy, but most Israelis don't care about the humiliation it has on Palestinians."

While on the walk, Thomas witnessed Israeli settlers creating illegal outposts in the West Bank.

He said: "Under Israeli law, outposts are illegal, but they still get telephone lines, sewage systems, electricity, water and protection from soldiers.

"Palestinians are obviously fearful of outposts because once they are set up it means there will be soldiers and it will bring a whole lot of oppression into that immediate area."

Thomas has turned his experiences into his latest show, Extreme Rambling (Walking The Wall).

He said: "There were some very intense incidents, but you just have to tell the stories and keep to the truthfulness of those experiences. Things like standing next to a mime artist when I got to one point on the wall just write themselves."

But Thomas is realistic enough to know that there will be no quick solution to the situation.

He said: "There are seeds of optimism, although sometimes it is difficult to see it. One thing is for certain, things will change. There are protest movements and community groups and even amazing Israeli activists themselves. I was struck by the moral courage they have and the growth of non-violent movements against it.

"Israel is very frightened of the prospect of an international-sanctions campaign. I think that would be a good non-violent way to challenge the oppression of the occupation."

And how does the 48-year-old feel about now being better known for his campaigning and political activism than being a comic?

"I want to look at different things. The idea that I would just get good at a certain kind of stand-up and just keep doing it is too boring. For me it is not just a question of coming up with good gags – it also means coming up with interesting ways of working."

■ **Extreme Ramblings is at the Hazlitt Theatre, Maidstone, on Friday, June 10, (phone 01622 758 611) and at the Trinity Theatre, Tunbridge Wells, on Wednesday June 22 (phone 01892 678678).**



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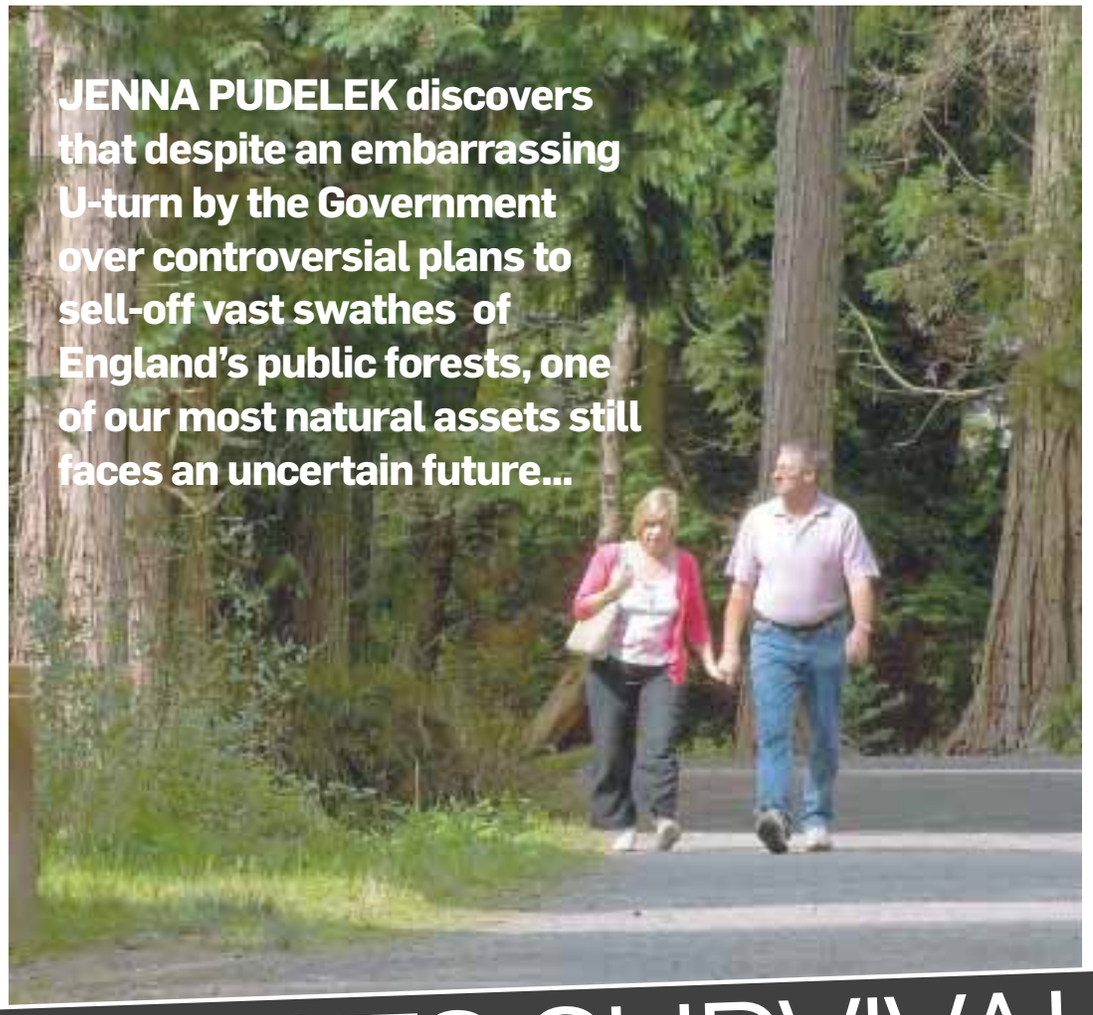
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WILD AT HEART: An independent commision will report to the Coalition on the future of England's forests and woodland and is keen to hear the public's views

THE GOVERNMENT'S, now abandoned, plans to sell-off public forests sparked widespread protests and fears that access to much-loved woodland would be lost. More than half a million people signed a Save Our Forests petition run by the campaign group 38 Degrees and the embarrassing U-turn for the Conservative-led coalition was labelled a victory for 'people power'.

The Independent Panel on Forestry was set up to advise the Government on the future of forests and woods in England and is coming to Kent on September 16, as part of a number of visits to different sites across the country including the Forest of Dean.

The panel is yet to reveal which forests in Kent will receive a visit, but a spokeswoman said it would be looking at how smaller woods, with a mix of different trees, contribute to the wider natural landscape.

People have been urged to come forward and share their views on the future of more than 250,000 acres of public forests before the panel reports back in April next year.

Malcolm Dove, secretary of the Friends of Bedgebury National Pinetum, said the group would be getting involved with the consultation.

"We would hope to meet them when they come to Kent so we can explain our different circumstances to most other sites in Kent.

"Essentially we are an arboretum, a museum of trees, therefore we need substantial support from the Government just like all museums.

"Although the site itself may not take money it is a valuable asset to the world and the country. It must be kept on and not sold off."

Bedgebury, near Goudhurst, has been managed by the Forestry Commission since 1925. Mr Dove said he hoped the panel would come to Bedgebury during their visit to the county.

The panel is chaired by the Bishop of Liverpool, James Jones, and includes the chief executives of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB), Dr Mike Clarke; the Ramblers' Tom Franklin; and The Wildlie Trust's, Stephanie Hilborne.

Bishop James said: "There is no doubt that people care deeply about the forests and their future.

"This subject has touched a nerve with the public and part of the panel's work is to understand why. I therefore urge you to use this opportunity and share your thoughts, ideas and feelings with us. It is crucial we listen to everyone to whom this matters because ultimately this is a conversation that should involve us all."

Steve Wheatley, site manager at Tudeley Woods, which has been run by the RSPB for the past 26 years, said he thought that people's biggest concern about the sell-off was access.

He said: "I think probably that issue was a big thing for people because they were worried they would lose access to these places.

"We get visitors here to the woods who come back from a long walk and say they loved it, but didn't see any birds, but they heard them, which is common in dense woodland.

"They just like the fact the wildlife is there and enjoy the lovely walks.

"People like the ability to go out and appreciate a big wilderness area. Although it is perceived as a wilderness the reality is that it is all managed. It is the fear of loss of experience."

Mr Wheatley said he thought the RSPB was well placed to manage ancient woodland like Tudeley. A lot of their recent work at the site has been coppicing and creating spaces to attract butterflies and other wildlife.

The decline of woodland management, such as coppicing, has been blamed for species such as pearl-bordered fritillaries, which have now been reintroduced at Tudeley, becoming extinct in Kent.

"At Tudelely we get about 10,000 visitors a year, which is quite low because there are not really the facilities there compared to some sites like Bedgebury that gets a vast number of visitors," he said.

"We are just about to enter a new management agreement with the Hadlow estate which will mean we can start a new phase of investment in the trails and walks.

"We are hoping to see wider use and numbers going up considerably over the next few years.

"I think the RSPB is providing places both for wildlife and for people.

"We can really focus on that side of things to engage people with the wildlife."

He added: "The RSPB is supported by a million members' extra resources to plough into a reserve, while the Forestry Commission is binded by its public funding at a time when everyone's pockets are being pinched.

"Our chief executive (Dr Mike Clarke) is involved on the panel so we are very well represented. The RSPB is very much in favour of this review."

Asked if he welcomed the review by the independent panel, Bedgebury's Mr Dove added: "Yes, but I'm not happy they are still thinking of selling-off Forestry Commission land. At least this is not the bulk sell-off that was proposed orginninally and they are going to think and listen to the findings."

Forestry Commission sites in Kent also include Hemsted, near Benenden, Clowes Wood in Canterbury and King's Wood near Ashford.

The panel said it wants to receive the widest range of views whether you are a dog walker, environmentalist, forestry worker, commercial forest owner, cyclist or horserider.

For more information on how to get involved visit www.defra.gov.uk/rural/forestry/panel.

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RED SAILS: Documentary charts the history of the Thames barge and those who worked on them

Film celebrates vital role played by barges

By Ed Hill
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IT'S hard to believe it now but there was an age when commodities like bricks, hay, wheat, stone and coal were transported not up and down the noisy pollution filled motorways of the county but along its coast and rivers.

The workhorse of this trade was not a horse at all but a boat. The Thames sailing barge was a product of hundreds of years of experimentation and evolution, meaning tonnes of heavy cargo could be delivered up and down the South East by a crew of two men and a dog.

This environmentally friendly form of transport relied on wind and tide to navigate from the ports of the South East coast into the heart of the city of London and as far as Europe. The barges were commercially operating as late as 1970.

Now a Faversham filmmaker is making a documentary about the history of the Thames Barge and of the industries and men that it helped to employ.

Michael Maloney moved to Faversham in 2001 and now lives by Faversham Creek. It is a fortunate time to be making a film about the Thames Barge as at the same time the last commercially trading vessel, the Cambria, has been restored at the town's Standard Quay.

Mr Maloney said: "We want to make this film so we can send it to schools as well as museums and shops. The seven and eight-year-olds of today will be the next big decision makers of tomorrow. In this day and age it seems amazing to realise that the barges produced absolutely no pollution, and used natural energy sources such as the wind and tides to achieve their task.



FILM-MAKER: Michael Maloney

"Our local economies were totally reliant on these craft to transport our agricultural produce and manufactured goods all over the country.

"They were way ahead of their time they were the pioneers in re-usable energy and low carbon philosophy."

Mr Maloney already has a history of enlightening people about their local past.

Two years ago he completed a film called A Sideways Launch about the history of the Pollock Shipyard in Faversham.

Between 1916 and 1969 more than 1,200 ships were built by the yard on the creek, then launched sideways into the narrow waterway to ply their trade around the world.

He said: "We found all this old footage that had been kept by the caretaker of the yard. We managed to get a grant from the UK film council to transfer it all to video tape and then decided to make it into a film that would show local people a part of its past that many of them know very little about."

The culmination of the project was a screening of the film at Faversham's Royal Cinema in front of more than 500 people and a DVD that has been sold in museums and shops to many people.

He has also completed a project 'A Dream of Flight' showing the historical role that the Isle of Sheppey and Leysdown had in the pioneering days of British aviation.

Mr Maloney hopes his new film, Red Sails, will have much the same impact for the Thames Sailing Barge.

He has interviewed some of the last men to sail the barges commercially and has compiled archive footage showing the barges in their heyday and the other industries such as agriculture and brick making that they were a part of.

The title comes from the distinctive colour of the barges' canvas which was painted with red ochre and fish oil to help preserve them.

As well as looking at the history of the barge, the film also follows the work of the shipwrights and trainees that have been working on the restoration of the Cambria and its launch earlier this year.

However, Mr Maloney now needs sponsors to help him complete the film and he is looking for local people and organisations to sign up.

■ **To find out more about the project, view a trailer of the film at www.cwideprods.co.uk/red-sails/**

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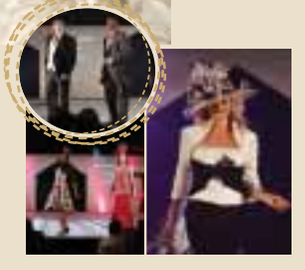
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New gastro pub does like to be beside the seaside

After 14 years lying derelict, a Margate pub has risen again as The Hoy. **Ed Hill** savours its new incarnation

THE Hoy on Margate's seafront had been closed for 14 years before April, so it might have seemed a risk for a pub and hotel chain to invest more than £1,000,000 in refurbishing it. However, with the opening of the nearby Turner Contemporary gallery and the long-hoped-for resurgence of the town, Thorley Taverns expects its latest venture will prove an attractive new addition to the Margate's restaurant scene.

Known as the Benjamin Beale when it closed, the pub has been totally refurbished and now sports a bright modern interior.

Co-manager Jamie Porter said: "It was actually called The Hoy before that, so it is reverting to its original name. It's really a gastro pub and different from most of our other sites."

Good food is certainly the main inspiration behind the new project.

Head chef Thom Sommers has been given a free hand to create an interesting and varied menu. The ingredients are all sourced from local producers and, appropriately for a seaside location, fish is a major part of what's on offer.

"It has been a baptism of fire," said Thom. "We had a tight deadline and we only got into the kitchen a few days before we were due to open.

"It was a real push, but it was a good push. It helped us as a team bond together. Luckily, it went really well. We opened in time with the Turner [Contemporary] and we were packed."

ECONOMIES OF SCALE: The Hoy's head chef, Jamie Porter, above, serves some fish with which not many people are familiar, such as grey mullet

Diners can enjoy many classic fish dishes such as scallops and mussels, but the chef is also keen to offer a less well-known local catch.

He said: "I want to serve fish that people are not usually used to eating, like grey mullet or huss [dogfish]. I have found that it has been flying out of the kitchen. These fish have far more flavour than cod and we can get them cheap because they are caught locally.

"At this time of year there is loads of huss around and the fishermen are glad to sell it. If we buy it and serve it, then it is helping them and local fishmongers as well.

"With the grey mullet we can treat it in the same way as sea bass. You can bake it whole, pan-fry it, serve it in a nice risotto with pancetta...

"As a combined dish, it works out much cheaper than bass. Grey mullet is around half the price, so that means I can price it lower for our customers."

Fortunately, visitors are also willing to be more adventurous in their choices.

Thom said: "People are keen to try different things these days. Mackerel is a cheap, sustainable dish and a lot of people will order it. A few years ago it would have been seen as a cheap oily fish, but actually it has great flavour and a nice texture."

The same attention is paid to the rest of the menu. Beef comes from local herds and is hung for 28 days, while Kent lamb is served on the menu.

"We try to keep things as freshly prepared here as possible and that includes things like our relishes and chutneys. All of these are made here in the kitchen and that includes our ice cream," said Thom.

With its location, The Hoy should be able to take advantage of visitors coming to Margate.

Close to the Old Town and the Turner Contemporary, it also attracts people making their way to the Winter Gardens, while real-ale fans can enjoy guest beer from local brewers. There are special offers on selected wines and at the moment a friend can dine for free on a Monday.

Judging by the dishes I tasted, like the sailors who crewed the hoy boats after which the pub is named, many people will be navigating their way to this venue.

Farmers' markets

Bromley

SITUATED in the busy pedestrian area of Bromley high street between the Churchill Theatre and Elmfield Road, this popular farmers' market is combined with an arts and craft market and is open every Friday and Saturday from 9am-5pm.

Cliftonville

CLIFTONVILLE farmers' market was established in 2001 by the Cliftonville Residents' Association. It is run entirely by volunteers. Since then it has been voted three times (2006-2009) Best Farmers' Market In Kent. It is held on the Eastern Esplanade on the last Sunday of the month.

Capel-le-Ferne

CAPEL-LE-FERNE market is held every Tuesday in the village hall. Run by three voluntary members of the main committee, the market is a non-profit-making charity and every penny goes back into the maintenance of the village hall.

Challock

HELD in the Memorial Hall, Challock farmers' market is open from 1pm to 4pm on the first and third Fridays of every month. It offers a selection of locally-produced fruit and vegetables, eggs, cheese, fish, bread, cakes and pies, honey, meats and jams.

Egerton

EGERTON farmers' market has now been trading every Friday from 2pm to 4.30pm for almost five years, with most of the original stall-holders still at the market, which is held in the Millennium Hall and offers local produce including meat, fruit and vegetables.

Rolvenden

ROLVENDEN farmers' market was established in 2000. It is run entirely by volunteers. It takes place every Thursday morning from 10am to midday in the new village hall and St Mary's Church opposite. There are usually between 20 and 30 stalls.

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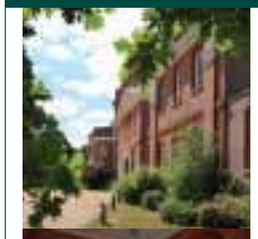
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London Beach
Tenterden

Why here...
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On the menu...
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How to book...
London Beach Country Hotel, Ashford Rd, Tenterden TN30 6NX
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Tudor Park
Maidstone

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A speciality is Sunday lunch, and staff are always available to ensure that the experience is one to be savoured.

On the menu...
If you are looking for something with a difference, there are themed nights from Motown tributes to murder mysteries or evenings featuring the music of the Rat Pack. Very popular Latin salsa nights are also being staged at a cost of just £39 per person.

How to book...
Tudor Park, Ashford Road, Maidstone ME14 4NQ
01622 632006
www.marriotttudorpark.co.uk

Walpole Bay
Cliftonville

Why here...
The Walpole Living Museum and its unique gallery of napkin art are very special attractions. There is a large outdoor terrace with fantastic sea views, so it is ideal for summer.

On the menu...
The venue is open for breakfast and serves snacks and cream teas all day. Dinner is served from 7pm-9.30pm and uses locally-sourced produce for English dishes. Fish is a speciality.

How to book...
Wapole Living Museum, Fifth Avenue, Cliftonville
01843 221703
www.walpolebayhotel.co.uk





San Clu
Ramsgate

Why here...
Situated on top of the cliffs at Ramsgate, this establishment is part of the Comfort Inn Hotel. It has excellent views of the English Channel, ample parking and extremely good food. Top-class staff are always on hand to ensure that your meal is a memorable experience, and top-class beer and wines are also served, along with soft drinks. The bar and restaurant really has so much to offer and is one of the most popular in Thanet.

On the menu...
Traditional favourites on the menu include mixed grill, liver and bacon, steak-and-ale pie, roast beef, curry, fish and chips and ham and eggs. The menu has something for everyone and prices range from £6.95 to £10.95. Desserts are also available, along with coffee.

How to book...
San Clu Bar and Restaurant Comfort Inn, Victoria Parade, Ramsgate CT11 8DT
01843 592345



Beachbrow Hotel
Deal

Why here...
In a small family-run hotel with helpful, welcoming and friendly staff, the restaurant and bar have beautiful sea views which overlook the English Channel.

On the menu...
There is an independently-run a la carte restaurant and bar, The Waterfront, attached to the hotel where a variety of food and drink is served, with something to suit all tastes.

How to book...
Beachbrow Hotel, Beach Street, Deal CT14 6HY
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- Disembark Marseilles

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Menton Lemon Festival & Nice Carnival

Escorted holiday by rail - afternoon departure from London
8 Days, semi-all-inclusive
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Departs February 22, 2012

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- Return Car Ferry



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Self drive, 3 nights, drinks inclusive
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£239pp
£10pp deposit

Friday, Jan 13 to 16, 2012

Join us for a party that extends the New Year festivities. Our weekend break includes a gala New Year's Eve party and Free Drinks every day.

PRICE INCLUDES:
- Free drinks from 3.30m to 11pm on Friday; 12noon to 11pm Sat & Sun - house beers & spirits, wine by the glass, pumped soft drinks & mixers
- Full entertainment programme
- En-suite bedroom
- 3 dinners & 3 breakfasts
- Indoor pool & sauna
- Return car ferry

FIND hidden history and breathtaking views over the North Downs on this walk in the heart of the beautiful Medway Valley. You will stroll though peaceful farmland and discover old quarries as this journey transforms your pathway seamlessly from urban to rural.

Leaving the train station behind, you will head into the centre of Snodland. Notice as you walk the mix of buildings, some of which date back to before the 1900s.

Until the 19th century, the village was agricultural. Then industry arrived and land was snapped up to build new cement, brick and paper-making works. Because of these emerging industries, combined with the arrival of the railway, the population had trebled in size by 1881.

Heading towards Birling, you will leave the built-up area of the village and start to notice the transition to rural life.

The route joins the North Downs Way National Trail for a time, as it passes through on its way from Farnham in Surrey to Dover. Much of the trail follows the Pilgrims Way, the legendary route used by pilgrims on their way from Winchester to Canterbury to pray at the shrine of St Thomas Becket.

As you continue walking, the route will take you uphill. Here, take a little time to admire the fantastic view from the top of the downs back to Snodland.

The North Downs cover almost a quarter of Kent, stretching from the White Cliffs at Dover up to the Surrey and London borders.

This is a diverse landscape with dramatic chalk escarpments, secluded valleys, networks of tiny lanes and historic hedgerows, ancient woodlands, traditional orchards, locally-distinctive villages, precious wildlife and many sites of historic and cultural interest.

All these make up a landscape that is such a valuable national asset that the Kent Downs – part of the North Downs – were designated an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty in 1968.

If you would like to enjoy a longer walk you have the option of taking an additional loop around Ladd's Farm, which takes you higher up, passing though beech-yew woodland found along the top of the downs thanks to the underlying chalk below.

As you return to the village, The Bull public house is perfectly placed for a well-deserved refreshment stop.

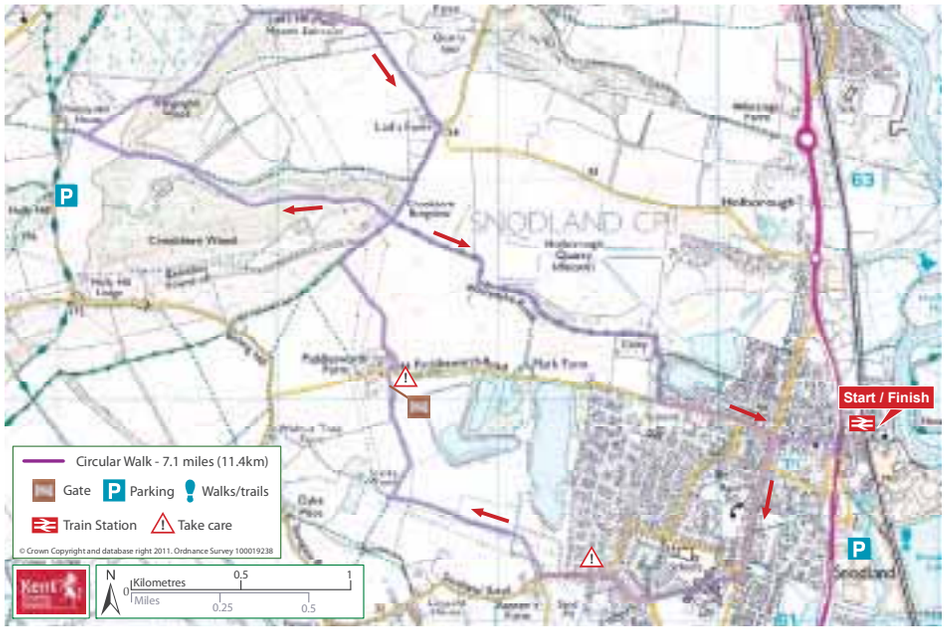
- **Location:** Snodland, ME6 5AN
- **Distance:** 4.5 miles (7.2km), allow 2-3 hours as there is an optional 2.6-mile (4.2km) extension around Ladd's Farm
- **OS Explorer Map:** 148
- **Stiles:** Three and a set of steps
- **Terrain:** Some paths can become muddy. Parts of the walk, particularly the Ladd's Farm optional extension, are quite steep
- **Step count:** 9,000 or 5,200
- **Parking:** Car parks and on-road parking
- **Refreshments and facilities:** There are shops and a pub in the centre of Snodland



GOOD VIEWS: There are many rural delights to be had during a walk around Snodland's countryside



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Woodland day
Survival skills and nature

Rolvenden primary school
Sunday, June 12
01580 240104
www.btcv.org.uk

THE British Trust For Conservation Volunteers (BTCV) is running a woodland day at Rolvenden primary school from 10am-4pm.
During the day there will be activities for all the family to join, ranging from survival skills, den-building, nature trails, crafts, conservation and creative skills to having a go at tree-measuring, making a bird house, willow-making and much more.
Refreshments and food will be available, including real ales from the local Old Dairy Brewery.
The BTCV supports more than 628,000 people working on more than 29,000 projects each year to improve the environment. Tickets for the woodland day out are £5 per family, including all activities.



New play
Jealousy and obsession

Memorial Theatre, Broadstairs
Sunday, June 5, 2.30pm
0845 2626263

THE Sarah Thorne adult drama group returns for its second season in Broadstairs, presenting a new script by local playwright Samuel Pearce.
Friendship gone sour is the theme in his play Justice. Disturbed Richard invites his childhood best friend Ben over one evening to reminisce on the past, but what starts as a friendly reunion quickly descends into a tale of obsession, jealousy and tragedy.
Seats are bookable in advance. The 24-hour booking rule applies to non-members of Sarah Thorne, but seats can be reserved by phone or alternatively by email at info@sarahthorne-theatreclub.co.uk. Tickets cost £7, or £5 for non-members.

Fuse Festival
Street drama and theatre

Gillingham and Chatham high streets and Rochester Castle Gardens
Friday to Saturday, June 17-19

THE annual celebration of street theatre, the Fuse Festival, will once again explode on to the roads and parks of Medway.
As colourful as ever, the festival is now condensed into one weekend and three locations, giving a huge amount to see and do but staying true to its roots by remaining free to all.
Festival chief Dawn Archer said: "This year we've decided to heighten the impact of the action by programming it all into one weekend and three main locations, making it more than ever an event no family should miss."
The festival will begin with an Illumination Parade on Gillingham high street on Friday afternoon led by Medway's much-loved puppets.
On the Saturday, Chatham high sstreet will see a whirling kaleidoscope of street art featuring the work of performers like Dizzy O'Dare, Wet Picnic and Bread & Butter Theatre Co. There will be circus-themed fun running throughout the afternoon.
Sunday welcomes the return of a bigger and better Big Tea Party, this year in the beautiful setting of Rochester Castle Gardens.
Students from London's Central School Of Speech And Drama will perform their own production of Alice In Wonderland.



Screen opera
Cinderella and a butterfly

Market Square, Dover
Monday, July 4, and Wednesday, July 13 screening 7.30pm

DOVER people have the chance to see some of the country's best singers on the big screen.
The Royal Opera is transmitting its production of Madam Butterfly on Monday, July 4, and Cinderella on Wednesday, July 13, to a screen in Market Square.
Whether you're new to opera or already a devotee, the BP Summer Big Screen is an opportunity to enjoy the best from Covent Garden in a unique setting.
The screenings will include exclusive backstage footage, audience interaction and the chance to win tickets to The Royal Ballet's The Nutcracker next season with a night for two at London's May Fair Hotel.
Deborah Bull, creative director at the Royal Opera House, said: "These annual screens are a highlight of our performing season – they allow us to reach new audiences across the UK and offer a unique window on our world through live presentation from behind the scenes."



Seaside jazz
Music month in Margate

Venues across town
Friday, June 24- Saturday, July23
07747 7865669
www.margatejazzscene.co.uk

THE Margate Jazz Festival starts at the end of June. Now in its sixth year, the programme grows from strength to strength.
Highlights include Sarah Jane Morris, above, at the Winter Gardens, Christine Tobin and Norma Winstone at Westcoast, Tim Whitehead at Turner Contemporary, Girl Talk at Theatre Royal and a tantalising line-up of free jazz on Sunday, July 3, at the main stage in the Old Town piazza.
The festival begins at Westcoast with Margate's Christine Tobin and her quartet on Saturday, June 25, performing a tribute to Carol King. She appears in a double bill with jazz singer Cleveland Watkiss and his quartet.
Earlier in the day, Watkiss will lead a vocal workshop with 30 young people from Margate – he will prepare them for a special performance on Friday, July 1, as the warm-up to the Sarah Jane Morris Big Band. Concerts will continue throughout July.

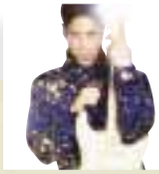
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Tuesday, June 21, 6.30pm
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www.nationaltrust.or.uk



SISSINGHURST Castle is the ruins of a 16th-century Elizabethen house, but it is its gardens and woodland areas that attract visitors.
And the gardens will feature in an upcoming event at which visitors are invited to supper at the castle, with a talk from head gardener Alexi Datta.
Both histoy and gardening fans are invited to tour the castle grounds, woods, streams and farmland with its views of the countryside.
The event takes place on the longest day of the year and is followed by a two-course meal in the Granary restaurant and a question-and-answer session.
A seat will cost National Trust members £36 and non-members £46.



Jazz concert
Trudy Kerr joins the club

Folkestone Jazz Club, Tower Theatre
Thursday, June 16, 8.30pm
01303 277175

AUSTRALIAN jazz singer Trudy Kerr is bringing her all star trio to Folkestone.
Kerr is from the east coast of Australia, where she and her good friend Ingrid James made a big name for themselves in the jazz clubs of Brisbane, the Gold Coast and Sydney.
Hailed as "one of the country's most polished singers" by The Times, Kerr moved to London in 1990 and, while continuing to gig regularly, worked during the day as secretary for clarinettist Acker Bilk.
She took time out to study jazz at the Guildhall School of Music and in 1995 got her career break when Ronnie Scott offered her a week at his club.
She has performed regularly at the famous Soho jazzerie ever since. She is also a jazz tutor and co-director of a record company. She has just made her ninth album.
Her trio comprises Robin Aspland, one of the UK's top jazz pianists, who has accompanied such singers as Dame Cleo Laine; Geoff Gascoyne on double bass; and drummer Sebastiaan de Krom.
The Folkestone show starts at 8.30pm and tickets are priced at £10.

Tribute band
Pink Floyd perfection

Hazlitt Theatre, Maidstone
Sunday, June 12
Phone 01622 758611
www.hazlittartscentre.co.uk

PINK Floyd tribute band Perfect Alibi have been in existence for more than 20 years. Initially performing as a covers band in pubs and clubs across southern England playing music by progressive rock bands of the 1970s and 80s such as Genesis, Yes, Pink Floyd and Marillion, in 1999 they were asked to perform a Pink Floyd-only show... and the rest is history.
After a brief hiatus to find a new frontman, Alan Robertson, the band are back on the road again and looking forward to a busy year.
Robertson, who hails from Scotland, has settled on the south coast and become an integral member of the band.
Perfect Alibi have a dedicated following and no fewer than five headlining appearances at the prestigious Southampton Guildhall under their belt.
They are now looking to build their reputation among a wider audience.
The band say they are dedicated to create the ultimate musical and visual Floyd experience; featuring the outstanding Dave Blake on lead guitar, they perform a selection of more than 50 tracks, from the second album A Saucerful Of Secrets through to their last studio album The Division Bell. There will be a large light show, lasers and projections. Tickets £15, concessions £13.





Art exhibition
Woods for the trees

Ashford town centre
Throughout June and July
www.cathystreeter.co.uk/revealingashford.html

A NEW community art-installation welcomes the woodland to the streets.
In a project that will grow over the next few months as part of the Revealing Ashford arts festival, drawings and prints of trees have been appearing in locations around the town.
Ashford was historically known as Essetesford, which is believed to mean "ash trees growing near a ford".
To celebrate the town's leafy roots, the arts project Can't See The Woods For The Trees, run by local artist Cathy Streeter, will see woodland repopulating the town through the creativity of local residents and businesses. You can create your own tree by visiting Streeter's website and downloading a tree silhouette, along with tips on how to create your own tree display.
Other ways to get involved include a drop-in workshop at County Square shopping centre lower mall on Saturday, June 11, from 10am-4pm and visiting The Art Room Gallery's tree-themed exhibition from Thursday, June 21.

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Victorian epic at the castle
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Hever Castle, Edenbridge
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CHAPTERHOUSE Theatre brings the classic novel Cranford to Hever Castle's Festival Theatre stage.
As part of the open-air garden-theatre tour, Elizabeth Gaskell's work will be transformed into a stage play, transporting drama fans back to the sleepy Victorian town.
Laura Turner's new adaptation will bring the dramas of life in the countryside to Hever as part of the national celebrations of Gaskell's bicentenary.
The Festival Theatre has tiered seating and shelter in case of bad weather. Tickets are priced at £16.50.
The show will also be performed at Danson House, Bexleyheath, on Thursday, July 28.

Pantomime
Widdy signs to Dartford

Orchard Theatre, Dartford
From Friday, December 9
www.orchardtheatre.co.uk
01322 220 000



ANN Widdecombe has signed up to join Craig Revel Horwood in Snow White And The Seven Dwarfs at The Orchard Theatre, Dartford, at Christmas time.
This will be her first panto appearance, playing Widdy In Waiting to Craig's Wicked Queen. No doubt the pair will re-create some of the banter we enjoyed when Horwood was judging her abilites on last year's Strictly Come Dancing.

The pair join the pantomime fold after becoming a huge hit on the Strictly Come Dancing national tour.
Ann said: "Craig and I have had enormous fun on the tour of the show and I am sure we can make that fun infectious during the run of Snow White."

Jazz trio
Spillet, Barnes and Waterman

RAF Association Club, Dock Road, Chatham
Friday, June 17, 8.30pm
01634 845523

THREE of the UK's top jazz musicians are teaming up for a jam session in partnership with the Royal Air Force Association Club in Chatham.
Reed-player and multi-award-winner Alan Barnes came to fame with the Humphrey Lyttelton Band in the 1980s.
Since those days he has achieved an awesome reputation, performing at such venues as the Blue Note clubs of New York and Tokyo.
Second star Steve Waterman is professor of jazz trumpet at the Royal Academy Of Music and Trinity College Of Music and is another internationally-acclaimed musician. He frequently plays in Havana, Cuba, with a 25-piece big band. Waterman has also been recording and leading his own quintets, nonettes and big bands for more than 25 years.
Tenor-man Simon Spillett won the rising-star award in 2007 and since then his blistering performances and albums have won him more acclaim.
Critics have likened him to the legendary Tubby Hayes.
Admission costs £10.

Anniversary
Look Back In Anger

Trinity Theatre, Tunbridge Wells
Thursday, June 9, 7.30pm
01892 678678

MARKING the 55th anniversary of John Osborne's seminal play Look Back In Anger, the Creative Cow theatre company will be bringing its production to Tunbridge Wells.
Look Back In Anger was first performed in the 1950s, with its raw realism making Osborne's name. He soon became known as the original 'angry young man'.
Creative Cow chief Katherine Senior said: "We're doing this play because it's an iconic classic of British theatre.
"Audiences are in for an evening of real, no-holds-barred theatre, with the added interest of seeing the play from a perspective of 55 years on.
"As a company, we have done a range of classic plays from the 60s.
"That decade introduced a rich seam of chamber plays to the English stage – something that was important for us when we started as there were only three of us.
"But we've kept going back to the 1960s, and now the 1950s, because post-war writing was just so good."
The play is directed by Amanda Knott, whose impressive credits include posts at the Theatre Royal, Plymouth, and assistant director at the Royal Shakespeare Company.
Tickets are priced at £14 (£12 concesssions).





Comedian
Reginald D Hunter

Hazlittt Theatre, Maidstone
Thursday, June 16, 8pm
01622 758 611
www.hazlittartscentre.co.uk

TELEVISION-PANEL star Reginald D Hunter is heading to the Hazlitt this month as part of his UK-wide tour.
A regular on BBC's satire mainstays Have I Got News For You and Mock The Week, Hunter has become far more well known in this country than back in his native United States.
He has a disinctive take on life, often describing the differences between similar aspects of British and American living.
In just over as decade, Hunter has managed to carve his own niche and has come a long way from Albany, Georgia, where he was born.
Described as brutally honest, controversial and meticulous in delivery, the one-liner machine has the attributes and the stage to become one of the all-time comedy greats.
Tickets cost £15 each.

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LOOKING for my soul mate, 57, lonely, caring, affectionate, likes a drink in good company, 5ft 1ins, hazel eyes, seeks someone to share life with. Is that you? **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 385172**

BARBARA 46, seeks nice, stocky male up to 50 for friendship, maybe more. Heathrow. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 361701**

MALE Guardian reader? Arty, vivacious female, 61, happy in own skin, seeks N/S sociable, warm, loving man. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 360655**

GLASS half full N/S mid 50's woman, seeks other half. Are you a professional man, 50-60 who likes the finer things in life? **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 363969**

LORRAINE seeks trustworthy white male with GSOH for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 363793**

DONNA 35, single mum of 3, seeks male with GSOH, 35-40. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 385064**

5FT 2ins female, brown hair, blue eyes, homely, down to earth, seeks female for LTR. Kent. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366525**

49YR old lady, honest, sincere, easygoing, likes a laugh, looking for love. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 359059**

CLASSY lady, slim, pretty, young looking graduate, mixed race 38, London, seeking a sugar daddy to spoil and pamper me. Discretion assured. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 367031**

ELIZABETH sexy, loving, kind, caring, seeks older gent, 78 plus for fun times. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366603**

VERY cute, slim, black professional female, 36, looking for love! If you are honest, passionate, caring and spontaneous, ring me. Any race. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366725**

GREEN eyed blonde in need of love and attention seeks youthful, trendy experienced guy to enjoy good times. Any age/status. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366723**

ATTRACTIVE young hearted female, fed up with being alone, so if you feel the same, give me a call, lets get together. ACA. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366721**

YOUNG 60 something female looking for friendship only with likeminded ladies for meals out, nights out and holidays. Feltham. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 367625**

LADY 56, semi disabled, size 18, seeking a caring, loving, honest gent, 50 plus. Kent. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 365453**

48YR old female, 5ft 3ins, medium build, likes animals, nights in/out, holidays, coast, seeks male, 48-50, preferably a smoker for LTR. Maidstone. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 365955**

SUSIE 5ft 7ins, blonde, seeks educated attractive male for loving relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 385476**

34YR old blonde new to the area, seeking younger guy for fun times maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 365079**

FUN loving curvy red head 32yrs, loves good food/wine, WLTM male who appreciates a real woman and knows what he likes. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 365077**

30YR old brunette fit, feminine, attractive, free, single and looking for love with similar fun loving guy. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 365075**

36YR old female looking for mutual companionship with understanding man stuck in a similar rut. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 364331**

LORNA 66, nurse, seeks male for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 364237**

TALL blue eyed 30's female, brown hair, lots of interests, seeks male for good times. Any age/looks/status. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366705**

ATTRACTIVE and any man's dream seeks, outgoing, professional male for evenings in and fun nights out. Can accommodate. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366703**

CUTE very curvy young girl, 18, WLTM romantic guy for lots of fun and loving. Looks/status unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366699**

MAIDSTONE lady, pretty, petite, late 50's, honest, caring, N/S, loves life and most things, seeks nice guy for friendship/relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366501**

HAZEL blonde, 62, pretty, cuddly, N/S, non drinker, seeks genuine, attractive male, 55-65 for fun and friendship. Ramsgate. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366319**

MARY 60, good for age, GSOH, likes cooking, meals out, looking for some fun company, possible romance. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 364357**

TINKERBELLE seeks Peter Pan, I'm 36, 5ft 3ins, size 8-10 and am looking for a tall strong man who can connect and make me laugh. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 358721**

ATTRACTIVE warm, blonde female, European, 49, seeks honest, generous male, 50 plus who will take care of me. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 364277**

FEMALE seeks kind, caring white male, 42-50, tidy and clean for friendship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 363197**

ELIZABETH caring, honest, reliable, likes most things, seeks older gent, late 70's for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 359589**

SLIM attractive, elegant female, likes travel, restaurants, cinema, seeks caring, male, 45-55 for friendship, possible relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 361571**

SALLY independent, intelligent, confident, caring female, seeking a similar soul mate. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 361575**

INDEPENDENT 52yr old slim, N/S female, likes country walks, swimming, animals, meals/days out, seeks N/S similar aged male for friendship/companionship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366099**

MISS Gorgeous, 5ft 8ins, black beauty, sexy, curvy, likes a laugh, happy go lucky, seeks male for no strings fun times. Hackney. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 365861**

ACADEMIC man sought by female, recent graduate, into art, history, psychology, likes usual activities as well as London art galleries and walks. Brimley. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 365501**

ATTRACTIVE confident, lady, 37, independent, HIV Positive, seeks male for companionship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 363415**

48YR old female, average build, good looking, likes most things, seeks male for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 363321**

FUN outgoing lady, seeks spontaneous male, 37-60, adventurous, professional, attractive. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 363331**

JANE 27, caring, bubbly, likes nights out, cinema, bowling, DVDs, seeks male for fun and friendship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 363203**

SINGLE 50 plus female, seeks male who likes talks, walks, dining and dancing. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 364975**

FEMALE 25, professional, likes nights out, socialising, seeks male. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 360961**

A rare diamond, bright, sparkly and good quality, let me put the sparkle back into your life. Wanted professional, attractive male, 38-58, medium build, 5ft 9ins. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 361005**

LADY slim, brunette, N/S, likes music, National Trust, theatre, days out, seeks sincere, honest gent, 48-60 for friendship, maybe more. Kent/Sussex. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 360633**

64YR old female, 5ft 2ins, GSOH, likes golf, seeks male with GSOH for friendship, days out, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 339581**

WARM well educated 60's female, seeks similar gent to enjoy the simple things of life. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 360477**

BETH young minded widow, 65, 5ft 5ins, happy, size 14, N/S, many interests, seeks sincere, honest gent for friendship who might admit to some aching bones. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 344291**

ATTRACTIVE lady, seeks kind, solvent male for romance and possibly love. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 360159**

ISABELLE lovely lady, genuine, honest, loving, caring, 68, N/S, non drinker, slightly disabled, WLTM male for love, companionship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 347305**

42YR old female, likes music, dancing, writing, astrology, cats, seeks male with GSOH and similar age. Medway. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 351577**

CARING young 62 petite blonde, seeks someone to share doing things with, theatre, dancing and perhaps nights in. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 359761**

57YR old lady, works, divorced, likes beach, meals out, theatre, travel, weekends away, seeks white male, 56-61 with GSOH for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 359685**

YOUNG 54yr old female, slim, 5ft 3ins, seeks tall, honest, caring guy for friendship/relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 362669**

SALLY petite, confident lady, happy go lucky, likes dancing, walks, TV, seeks male/soul mate for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 362665**

BLONDE tanned female, trendy, 46, GSOH, likes walks, pubs, nights in, seeks male. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 384852**

SUZANNE 35, beautiful blonde, seeks male for chats and a relaxing glass of wine anytime. ACA, status unimportant. City area. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 342527**

PRETTY woman, slim, black, widow, 39, energetic, seeks white, solvent male for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 360695**

GORGEOUS lonely lass, 45, looking for some romantic liaisons with younger male, looks important, no chancers. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 364415**

UNIQUE attractive black female, 37, slim, enjoys music, reading, theatre nature, WLTM genuine gent, 37-49 to share laughter and life, caring, N/S who lives near London. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 333815**

ANNE 61, 5ft 3ins, medium build, blue eyes, blonde hair, seeks honest male for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 361243**

65YR old slim brunette, caring, loving, many interests, arts, coastal walks, animals, cooking, seeks attractive, compatible male. Dog owner in Maidstone perfect. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383676**

FEMALE 27, seeks older gent, 65 plus to take care of me. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 362207**

PATRICIA outgoing, confident, feminine, warm, friendly, smart, good company, attractive, seeks similar male. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 347215**

ATTRACTIVE black lady, 5ft 6ins, black hair, slim, kissable lips, likes walks, horse riding, go karts, seeks professional white male, 35-45, athletic, 5ft 11ins-6ft. London. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 353897**

BLACK female, likes meals out, theatre, seeks solvent white male, 30-47 for genuine relationship. Ashford. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382910**

52YR old female, likes walks, animals, theatre, cinema, seeks male for companionship/LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 357291**

49YR old female, seeks honest male to share life with. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 358297**

YOUNG black female, likes meals out, theatre, seeks solvent white male 30-47 for genuine relationship. Ashford. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382706**

MANDY 42, 5ft 4ins, brown eyes, size 12-14, GSOH, caring, likes country walks, beach, meals out, seeks male for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 344299**

36YR old female, caring, loving, cuddly, seeks genuine male for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 311808**

PROFESSIONAL black lady, 44, 5ft 3ins, medium build, seeks genuine, caring, professional guy, 40-54, any race for relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 359586**

CARING genuine single mum seeks male for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 358719**

5FT 2ins female, dark hair, medium build, late 40's, GSOH, likes cinema, walks, family life, seeks male for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 350381**

CARING young female, 62, petite blonde, seeks someone to share doing things with, theatre, pubs, dancing and perhaps nights in. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 359725**

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MANDY 42, 5ft 4ins, brown eyes, size 12-14, GSOH, caring, likes country walks, beach, meals out, seeks male for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 344299**

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FEMALE 29, HIV, likes cinema, music, countryside, cosy nights in, seeks good male. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 357327**

HAPPY fun loving, attractive, intelligent, educated, slim, curvy female, late 40's, WLTM caring, sincere man interested in theatre, reading, arts, nature and walks for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 356613**

SOUTH London Lady, full figure with long hair, curves in all the right places. WLTM male of any age for fun, friendship and more **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 356989**

PETITE female, slim, attractive, blonde hair, green eyes, GSOH, romantic, likes sports, nights out, meals, seeks honest, genuine, N/S male. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334613**

GENUINE loving female, 40, seeks loving male, 40-50 for friendship and LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 345487**

LADY seeks N/S, clean shaven male to appreciate artistic, romantic, feisty, attractive, slimmish, curvy lady of 69 who has not yet joined the wrinklies. Ashford. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 349757**

ATTRACTIVE slim single mum, 44, seeks similar tall male, 40-50, caring, loving and loyal, are you? **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334393**

SARAH 37, caring, kind, seeks fun, caring guy, 37-49. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 346319**

NATALIA attractive, brunette, brown eyes, 40's, N/S, slim, fit, friendly, seeks sincere, N/S, solvent male for love and relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 344393**

PROFESSIONAL attractive, friendly, black British female, mid 40's, size 10-12 likes socialising, seeks sincere male of any nationality for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 341125**

28YR old brunette, seeks fun loving, adventurous male for relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 380918**

LISA 42, medium build, likes cooking, walks, music, days in/out, WLTM caring, down to earth male, 40-50. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 332817**

OUTGOING sincere 5ft 6ins lady WLTM tall, caring interesting male 70's to share lifes adventure. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 357959**

FEMININE lady who knows how to treat her man seeks strong minded male to care for, any area London/Surrey/Kent **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 356985**

TALL attractive mature male, seeks slim, petite, naughty but nice lady for fun LTR. London. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 367289**

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PHIL medium build, blond hair, blue eyes, likes travel, clubs, cinema, meals out, seeks female for fun and friendship. Bexley Heath. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366635**

TALL slim, lonely 53yr old guy, seeks female for loving, tender relationship, age/looks unimportant. Surrey. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366941**

SLIM good looking male, likes most things, seeks female for friendship and more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366631**

DEL 55, 5ft 5ins, seeks attractive black female for fun and friendship, maybe more. Must be a lover of life. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366867**

5FT 8ins male, medium build, likes theatre, walks, pets, seeks female, 40-48, size 8-12. Kent. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366863**

49YR old gent, seeking a lady companion, any nationality for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366059**

GEORGE likes sports, socialising, seeks female for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 365975**

TALL mature, attractive male, seeks slim, petite, Asian/Oriental/Latino lady for fun LTR. London. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 352511**

GRAHAM 45, 5ft 8ins, blond, fit, romantic, seeks loving relationship with caring, sincere woman, 30-45. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 364450**

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RON retired, active, feels 40, looking for discreet daytime liaison with lady who can accommodate. Medway area. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 367143**

DAVE own hair/teeth, own car/business, likes holidays, golf, gym, meals out, theatre, seeks honest, genuine, slim female with GSOH for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 367559**

SLIM easygoing, friendly male, 50, likes kisses and cuddles, seeks petite female, any age for fun times. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 385904**

COUNT on me! 59yr old male, GSOH, likes socialising, dining, countryside, weekends away, seeks lady for LTR. Shepperton. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 367277**

PROFESSIONAL male, 62, generous, fun loving, seeks non assertive, busty lady for special relationship. Farnham. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 367191**

DAVID 58, its Spring and I am looking for an easygoing lady for a LTR. East Surrey. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 367157**

SOUL love? Stylish male, 5ft 8ins, into music, films, art etc, seeks shapely, attractive female, 28-38 to share enjoyable times, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366795**

ANDREW 59 seeks similar aged female for LTR. Maidstone. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366783**

6FT 4ins male, 37, GSOH, seeks female for friendship and more. Ramsgate/Thanet area. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366765**

BLACK male, 48, bubbly, seeks curvy, buxom, voluptuous, white female, 18-45 for friendship, maybe more. London. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366681**

62YR old young man, 6ft, medium build, N/S, WLTM similar young lady for fun and evenings out. Gravesend. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 367615**

41YR old shy male, easygoing, seeks similar lady for LTR. Kent. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 367567**

FIT handsome English male, 53, loves fine food, theatre, travel, seeks beautiful goddess, 30-40, caring and considerate, any nationality for LTR. Central London. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 367537**

SINGLE male, 28, Margate, likes walks, exercise, films, music, seeks female. Thanet. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 367521**

FUN loving guy GSOH, looking for the perfect woman, are you really out there? Medway. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 367489**

RICHARD 46, dark hair, blue eyes, slim-medium build, likes holidays, cooking, meals out, walks, beach, seeks female, 36-59 for LTR. Ashford. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 385936**

Gay Seeking

MALE 60, seeking similar male, assertive nature for fun times and friendship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 365831**

BLACK male, 6ft 4ins, seeks good tennis players for regular match play and friendship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 365981**

ADRIAN 35, seeks older male, 50's to treat me like a lady. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 363439**

JAMES 64, retired, fit, grey hair, 14st, likes CD, passive, male, 40-70, dominant for fun times. Dartford. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 367057**

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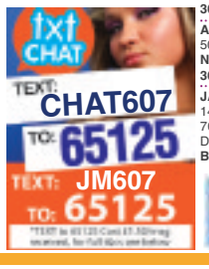
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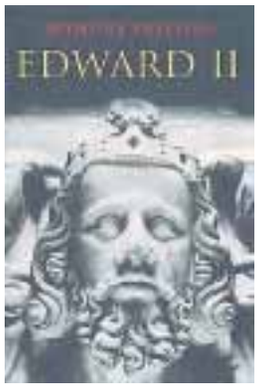
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BOOK REVIEWS



Edward II

By Seymour Phillips

Yale University Press, £25

EDWARD II (1284-1327), King of England, Lord of Ireland and Duke of Aquitaine, was the subject of ignominy during his lifetime... and his reputation has only worsened.

Ever since his particularly grisly murder in the dungeons of Berkeley Castle in 1327, his reign has been regarded as an embarrassment to the noble royal tradition.

Not only was it one of fruitless civil war, but Edward was also thought to have been gay and a poor judge of character who doted on his favourites before being killed by a red-hot poker thrust into his behind.

Yet here is a work that argues that the unlamented sovereign was actually "not fundamentally different from most of his predecessors and successors on the throne".

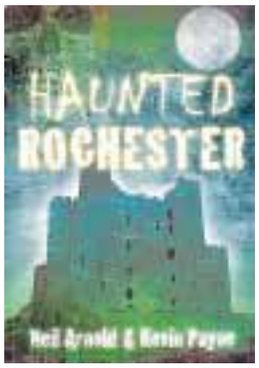
This definitive biography does not present Edward II as a heroic or successful king – his deposition after a turbulent reign of almost 20 years is proof enough that it went wrong. The royal person himself does not come over very well, but it's difficult not to feel sorry for someone who had a horrible death and has been vilified for centuries.

Seymour Phillips's acute examination of a mass of sources shows that a richer picture emerges, in line with the complexity of events, the man and the torrid times in which he lived.

If Edward II was not a successful king, he was not different in many ways to most English monarchs, the book argues. It ensures that a full account of the problems he faced in England, Scotland and Ireland and in his relations with France is presented.

It also tackles the suggestion that he did not die in 1327 but lived on as a captive in England and then a wanderer on the Continent – an enticing early conspiracy theory.

Almost 700 years on, King Edward has at last found someone to champion him.



Haunted Rochester

By Neil Arnold and Kevin Payne

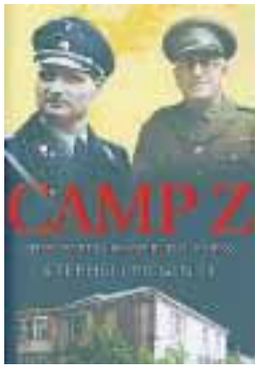
The History Press, £9.99

FOREVER associated with former resident Charles Dickens, historic Rochester is riddled with tales of ghostly monks, eerie tunnels, dark deeds, apparitions and other spectres and spooks

Paranormal investigator Neil Arnold has teamed up with Kevin Payne to write a book that shows Rochester is in fact one of the most haunted places in Britain.

Its high street alone harbours more than 40 ghost stories. And the town is notable for some of the stranger tales – woods housing a giant rabbit and a voodoo priestess called the Reggae Woman. There are even reports of "half a ghost" being seen along Love Lane.

Slightly more orthodox tales feature Restoration House, the building that Dickens used as a model for the home of tragic Miss Havisham.



Camp Z
The Secret Life Of Rudolf Hess

By Stephen McGinty

Quercus, £18.99

On May 10, 1941, Rudolf Hess, then the Deputy Fuhrer, parachuted over Renfrewshire in Scotland on a mission to meet the Duke of Hamilton, ostensibly to broker a peace deal with the British government. But why? What on Earth did he think he was going to achieve?

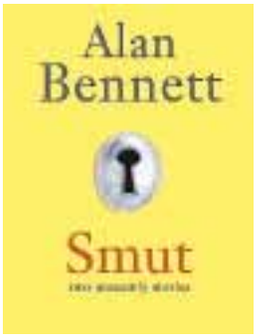
Hess's actions are one of the more unuisual aspects of the Second World War and in Camp Z: The Secret Life Of Rudolf Hess author Stephen McGinty provides some answers and insight. After being held in the Tower of London, Hess was transferred to Mytchett Place in Hampshire under the codename of Z.

The house was fitted with microphones and sound-recording equipment, guarded by a battalion of soldiers and codenamed Camp Z.

McGinty says Camp Z is a "locked room mystery" where the locked room is a man's head, and information that could help change the course of the Second World War lies inside a mind which no one can work out is sane or insane.

Hess was given a life sentence at the Nuremberg Trials, and from 1966 to his death in 1987 aged 93 he was the sole inmate at Spandau prison until his eventual death by suicide.

This is most likely the fullest account of his incarceration and goes a long way towards answering some of the many riddles around his actions.



Smut

By Alan Bennett

Profile Books, £12

A WIDOW, tired of her stifling upper-middle-class lifestyle, finds her outlook much improved when she is introduced to the world of voyeurism by two students, while elsewhere a secretly gay married man finds himself blackmailed by a policeman as his wife carries on an affair with his father.

It's not the usual territory of wit for national treasure Alan Bennett, but it is a delight seeing how events unfold in the two short stories featured in this pint-sized volume.

Anyone familiar with his previous work, such as Talking Heads, should be well aware of what to expect.

Smut is as funny, profound and insightful as his back catalogue, and the vaguely-implausible plots are treated with a typically aloof, dry wit.

MUSIC

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Tribute act
Michael Buble fever in the air

Woodville Halls, Gravesend
Thursday, June 23, 8pm
www.gravesham.gov.uk
01474 337774

LOCK up your wives and girlfriends because Michael Buble fever hits Gravesend's Woodville Halls this month.

The top Buble tribute act Rickie Arthur and his seven-piece band will be causing hysteria as the look-a-like and sound-a-like performs the crooner's favourite hits.

Arthur has worked hard to capture every gesture and mannerism of the heartthrob so fans can experience almost the real thing.

He said: "I'm really looking forward to coming to Gravesend. I've got a live band performing on stage with me which really creates an authentic experience for the audience. I'm becoming more and more like Michael the more shows I do. Some people can't believe how much I resemble him."

Arthur performs songs such as Just Haven't Met You Yet and Crazy Little Thing Called Love.

Tickets cost £17.50 for adults.





Classic rock
Limehouse Lizzy gig

Hazlitt Theatre, Maidstone
Friday, June 17, 7.30pm
www.hazlittartscentre.co.uk

RENOWNED for an action-packed pyrothechnic-fuelled explosion of a show, Limehouse Lizzy continue to keep the spirit of Celtic rock icon Philip Lynott and his band Thin Lizzy alive and kicking.

Following a string of the successful gigs, including an appearance on BBC2's Arena documentary series, the band took headline slots at the Rhodes Rock festival in Greece and the Virgin Atlantic Music festival in Barbados.

Expect more of the Celtic-influenced tracks such as Whisky In The Jar and Black Rose, among the usual razzmatazz and classic tracks like The Boys Are Back In Town, Sarah and many others we've come to expect from this highly-rated act.

Tickets are priced at £16.

New festival
For those just out of school

Port Lympne, Hythe
Friday to Sunday, July 15-17
thefirstdaysoffreedom.com or www.seetickets.com

A NEW festival aimed at school-leavers has been announced. The First Days Of Freedom marks the beginning of summer and also the start of life beyond education.

Three nights of parties and celebrations for thousands of school- and college- leavers has been promoted largely through Facebook.

The gig will feature such acts as Professor Green, Mystery jets and BBC DJ Zane Lowe, right.



The Fairy Jobmother doles out her magic in work hunt



The Fairy Jobmother

Tuesdays, 9pm, Channel Four

ON The Apprentice, a bunch of would-be entrepreneurs are currently battling it out to give 110 per cent and prove they have what it takes to go into business with Alan Sugar.

But for a lot people, a dream job doesn't have to involve working side by side with a grumpy multi-millionaire. They would just like something that gives them a reason to get up in the morning, puts some money in their pockets and gets them off benefits.

And that's where The Fairy Jobmother, also known as Hayley Taylor, comes to the rescue.

In this new series, she'll be visiting four unemployment hot-spots across the UK to help people who are reliant on benefits to find jobs.

The first episode finds her in Bootle, Merseyside, where more than a quarter of work-age residents are claiming out-of-work benefits.

One of those subjects is 53-year-old Dave Lonorgan, who has been unemployed for almost two years after being laid off from his job as a security guard. His 21-year-old daughter Louise has also been claiming benefits since leaving school at 16. Both are hoping that Taylor can help them find work.

"Some view me as bullying people back into work and of being in collaboration with the powers-that-be to reduce the unemployment figures. They couldn't be further from the truth," said Taylor

With the biggest benefits -hake up since the 1940s, the Government is bringing in tough new measures to make sure all those who can work do work. But just how easy will it be to take people who have become reliant on benefits and prepare them for the world of work?

Also featured this week are Sue McArd, 31, a lone parent who has been on benefits since the birth of her daughter six years ago, and 27-year-old expectant father Alex Foster, who has struggled to find work since dropping out of police training four years ago.



HELP: Fairy Jobmother Hayley Taylor visits unemployment hot-spots in Britain to weave her magic



REAL: The plight of Borneo's orang-utans in view

Orang-utans dying for a $10 reward

Unreported World: Indonesia

Friday, June 10, 7.30pm, Channel Four

REPORTER Aidan Hartley travels to Indonesia to highlight the work of young environmental activists battling to save endangered species such as orang-utans and sea turtles.

They visit a vast market where critically-endangered animals are sold as pets or for the Chinese medicine trade and uncover allegations of corruption and harassment of the campaigners.

The island of Borneo in Indonesia has one of the planet's last big forests, but every hour an area the size of three football pitches is cut down to be used for palm-oil production.

The Unreported World team joins a group of local environmentalists who are trying to rescue the orang-utan, which, because of the loss of its habitat, is heading for extinction.

They arrive at a rescue operation for orang-utans that have been kept illegally by local people as pets.

The chief tells Hartley that the loss of forest has brought people into conflict with orang-utans.

It is also discovered that some palm-oil farmers see orang-utans as vermin, with local people collecting a $10 reward when they bring in an orang-utan's head or severed hand.

He says the few infants that are spared end up in cages or are sold as pets in private zoos across Asia, and that middle-men can pay just US$25 to a poacher or plantation-worker for a baby orang-utan which, if smuggled to Thailand, is worth about US$25,000.

At a rehabilitation centre for orang-utans, another activist called Hardi says his work has exposed corruption and criminal networks involved in the wildlife trade and brought him into conflict with the authorities.

The group investigates claims that the authorities are not interested in saving orang-utans and that their objective is to see the establishment of more palm-oil plantations.

Will Mellor stars in new 2.4 Children-style sitcom

A NEW series on the BBC always comes with a certain expectation. There have been some crackers over the years, with The Office and the Alan Partrdge series standing out.

However, neither of them featured BBC journeyman sitcom-actor Will Mellor.

Best known for his roles in Casualty and the truly appalling Two Pints Of Lager And A Packet Af Crisps, Mellor again dips into the comedy market with In With The Flynns.

Mancunian 30-something couple Liam and

In With The Flynns

Wednesdays, 8.30pm, BBC One

Caroline Flynn are struggling to hold down jobs and raise their three children – mostly because they're still growing up themselves.

The couple are desperate to treat their offspring to a proper holiday – one that involves sun, sea and sand, rather than a damp caravan park.

However, this means they need to work extra shifts to earn the necessary money.

Unfortunately, being away from home for longer hours means their children are left to their own devices: teenage Chloe gets a piercing, while sons Mikey and Steve eat from bins and confront a bully.

Many would not normally go for this type of show, but with the BBC overdue to come up with another piece of genius, you never know what you might find unless you give it a try.

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OUR TOP FIVE

1 Win win (15) Mike Flaherty (Paul Giamatti) is struggling to survive in the harsh economic climate. He thinks his prayers have been answered when he agrees to act as legal guardian to elderly client Leo (Burt Young), who has early Alzheimer's - a role which brings in a monthly stipend of 1,500 dollars. Matters become complicated when Leo's grandson Kyle (Alex Shaffer) turns up, having run away.

2 Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides (12A) Johnny Depp hoists the mainsail once again. This time, Jack Sparrow joins forces with Barbossa (Geoffrey Rush) to locate the Fountain Of Youth. The quest becomes infinitely more perilous when Jack is forced aboard the Queen Anne's Revenge captained by legendary pirate Blackbeard (Ian McShane). Look out for Keith Richards!

3 Attack The Block (15) Trainee nurse Sam (Jodie Whittaker) is mugged on her way home by wayward lads Moses (John Boyega), Pest (Alex Esmail) and Dennis (Franz Drameh). The assault is cut short by a meteor shower and when the youths investigate, they come face to snout with a creature from another world. A second downpour of meteors heralds more creatures and the lads grab their weapons...

4 The Way (12A) Tom (Martin Sheen) is an American optometrist whose round of golf with his country-club chums is ruined by news that his son Daniel (Emilio Estevez) has been killed in the Pyrenees. The medic flies to France and discovers that Daniel died on the El Camino de Santiago, an 800-kilometre spiritual pilgrimage. Tom grabs his son's backpack and decides to complete the pilgrimage.

5 Priest 3D (12A) War has raged for centuries between man and vampires, and humanity now resides in carefully-patrolled enclaves. Priest (Paul Bettany), a soldier of the Church trained in the art of killing vampires, lives in peace and obscurity until his beloved niece Lucy (Lily Collins) is abducted by a pack of vampires. Priest breaks his sacred vows and embarks on a crusade to rescue the girl. Plenty of action ensues.

NEW RELEASES



Diary Of A Wimpy Kid 2: Rodrick Rules U, 99 mins

BLOOD may be thicker than water, but it can be spilt just as easily and that's certainly true in Diary Of A Wimpy Kid 2: Rodrick Rules, which is based on Jeff Kinney's best-seller. David Bowers's sequel continues the trials of wise-cracking tyke Greg Heffley, who first exploded to life in a series of online cartoons. Exploiting his readers' nostalgia for school days and the innocence of childhood, Kinney sold more than one million copies of his first novel and has thus far sold 43 million copies of his five-book series, which unfolds through the eyes of a pre-teen narrator with delusions of greatness. Released in summer 2010, the film version of Diary Of A Wimpy Kid lost some of the wit and edginess of the books yet still struck a chord with audiences despite an unsympathetic and selfish lead character.

Thankfully, Bowers's film presents us with a far more endearing hero. Sibling rivalry underpins the first hour before a contrived sequence that forces the brothers to fib for each other and ultimately lays the foundations for a lasting friendship. Honesty is never the best policy.

Seventh-grader Greg Heffley (Zachary Gordon) thinks all of his problems are solved now he has moved up a year at Westmore Middle School. Alas, insults in the corridor are nothing compared with the bullying he suffers at home from older brother Rodrick (Devon Bostick).

"Having a brother is one of the most important relationships you will ever have in your life," declares the boys' mother Susan (Rachael Harris), who writes a parenting column for the local newspaper.

To the despair of her husband Frank (Steve Zahn), Susan concocts a hare-brained scheme to force Greg and Rodrick to spend some quality time together. Meanwhile at school, Greg tries to catch the eye of pretty classmate Holly Hills (Peyton List) while embarking on misadventures with long-suffering pal Rowley (Robert Capron) and classmates Fregley (Grayson Russell) and Chirag Gupta (Karan Brar).

But for family entertainment, this isn't at all bad. For starters, it has Steve Zahn and Rachael Harris as the firm-but-fair parents, even if the former isn't given quite enough to do and is pretty much underused.

More importantly, it has the moon-faced, ginger-haired Robert Capron as Gordon's best friend, a kid so sweetly innocent that he will gaze at the new hot girl in school and say "She's almost as pretty as my mom" - a line that has proved extremely popular with audiences in the US.

The Hangover Part II

15, 101 mins

TODD Phillips's original movie was the highest-grossing comedy film of 2009, and this is a 101-minute alcohol-and-drug-fuelled bender that strands the same beleaguered characters in the same hellish nightmare and watches them squirm.

The location has changed from Las Vegas to Thailand, but The Hangover Part II rests lazily on its mouldering laurels, engineering familiar scenarios to inflict the maximum distress on two-dimensional characters.

The sequel curbs a few excesses – less plot, fewer laughs, less fun – and merrily chugs down a cocktail of racist, sexist and homophobic jibes that leave a nasty taste in the mouth.

Phillips's film is crass and offensive and doesn't paint Thailand or its people in a particularly favourable light, trading on stereotypes for the sake of a snigger and it manages to offend just about anyone who is portrayed on screen – but that probably won't worry its audience.

The Hangover Part II is a tasteless, preposterous and ultimately pointless tale of East meets West which careers from one improbable set-piece to the next, including the concealment of a dead body and a high-speed car chase. It's supposed to be harmless fun but it is actually really annoying.



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Cook up a storm with some of the latest designs from Mobens Kitchens, made to order to suit the room's shape and your culinary desires

THE kitchen is a vital part of the home and as well as being the place for cooking and preparation of food it can also be a location where the family gets together to eat meals.

So a warm and welcoming ambience is vital so that meals can be enjoyed and the room becomes something more than just functional.

With the right sort of lighting and stylish appliances, it can also put thousands of pounds on to the value of a home.

Terry Watson, kitchen planning expert for Moben Kitchens, which has branches in Maidstone, Sevenoaks, Bromley and Tunbridge Wells, explains the possible layouts of kitchens, and which design could be best for you.

He said: "When thinking of investing in a new kitchen, it really is worth doing your research: choosing a kitchen is not purely down to the way it looks in your home, though that is obviously important, but how it works on a practical level, too.

"When you see a kitchen you like, you need to consider how the layout would suit your home.



The Ripple design from Moben Kitchens, starting from £6,000



The Cortona roomset from Moben Kitchens, starting at £6,000

"If, for example, you only have a small space you could consider a galley or straight-line design. But if you have an open-plan kitchen/diner, then why not really show it off with a stunning island layout?

Galley kitchen: "These are super-efficient. Place your sink and stove on one side, and the fridge on the other – this way you'll have plenty of moveability when preparing food."

L-shaped kitchen: "The L-shaped kitchen can be a lot easier to work in than the galley kitchen, with appliances located centrally and plenty of counter space each side. Positioning some bar stools at one end of the L makes a great surface for family and friends to gather."

U-shaped kitchen: "This really does need a lot of space to be successful. This kitchen is fantastic for maximizing space and storage.

"If you start with a U-shaped kitchen, this can be changed to an L shape by removing the units and altering the position of the three main points of focus – the sink, the cooker and the fridge-freezer. In doing so, it is possible to construct a place for dining within the kitchen quite easily.

"A common problem to both the L-shaped and U-shaped kitchen is the corner. If not designed cleverly, the cabinets here can be inaccessible and the contents hard to reach. Luckily, kitchen specialists such as Moben are experts in this and have many design tricks, such as the Le Mans corner storage to counteract this."

Island: "The island kitchen is undoubtedly the most sociable and convenient of all layouts – with a space for everyone to gather and for the chef to entertain, without compromising on room for storage. The ease of cooking in this design is that you can have a sink or a stove installed in the island, leaving hordes of room for food preparation and getting everyone involved with the cooking.



The Ellipse from Moben Kitchens, starting at £6,000

"For a functional kitchen area within an open- plan scheme, you need to allow plenty of space to manoeuvre, so ideally you need to leave a minimum of 120cm between runs of units or between units and a central island.

"Moben's designers have been fully trained and have many years' experience, which is a huge benefit with such an important purchase. They talk to homeowners about how they use their kitchen and discuss any special requests, so that the best options can be considered. In addition, they will project-manage the entire job, helping people coordinate every aspect of the kitchen and providing reassurance that the various elements will work well together to achieve their desired look."

Moben is a leading kitchen specialist, offering project management of the complete process, from inspiration to installation. With the very latest looks, clever gadget ideas and stylish space solutions to choose from, Moben helps take the stress out of making over your kitchen and provides the design expertise to ensure you are cooking up a storm, the way you like, in next to no time.



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TUNBRIDGE Wells is one of the most prestigious towns in the whole of the UK to call your home – and Orchard Lea is an exceptional property there that has just come on the market.

The house was built in 1935 and has since been extended several times to provide an exceptionally well-presented family home. There is the potential to extend further, subject to the usual planning consents. An inspection of the house and garden is recommended to fully appreciate the appeal of the property.

The accommodation comprises a porch with double doors with glazed panels, outside light with PIR sensor and quarry-tiled floor.

An oak inner door with leaded-light centre panel leads into the entrance hall, which has a side window and stairs leading to a galleried first-floor landing with two understairs cupboards.

The sitting room is an L-shaped room with windows to the front and rear, with further sliding patio doors to a conservatory. Features include a stone fireplace with gas coal-effect fire.

The conservatory is in a Victorian style with polycarbonate triple-glazed roof and ceramic tiled floor.

The window of the dining room overlooks the front garden, and the kitchen/breakfast room is fitted with a range of oak-fronted wall, base and drawer units with matching work surfaces.

Appliances include a Franke stainless steel double-bowl sink unit with mixer tap and Bosch fan-assisted double oven.

The galleried first-floor landing has access to to loft space and there are three well-appointed bedrooms, one with en-suite. There is also a family bathroom.

An impressive gravel driveway with brick pillar entrance posts and parking for two or three cars leads to an attached single garage with up-and-over door, internal light and power and personal door to the rear garden.

The front garden has been attractively landscaped with a low-level brick wall and border hedging. There are well-stocked shrub and herbaceous beds with specimen planting. A wrought-iron gate leads to the side and rear garden.



The beautiful landscaped rear garden, which is more than 100ft long, has many specimen plants and trees and is designed in several sections. There is an ornamental fish pond, paved patio area, feature lights and a summerhouse with a tiled roof.

A stone path meanders through and around the garden, with several seating areas along the way. At the far end of the garden, reached through a pergola, is a vegetable plot with shed and greenhouse.

The garden is enclosed by laurel, holly and beech hedging, with gated access to the playing fields at the rear. There is additional outside security lighting and a water butt.

Orchard Lea is in a highly-sought-after private cul-de-sac on the Tunbridge Wells/Southborough border, within easy walking distance of High Brooms railway station, which offers services to London and the south coast via Tonbridge.

The area is well served by good schools for children of all ages, with a number of highly-regarded grammar schools in close proximity. Access to the A21/M25 is within a few minutes' drive, and the larger towns of Tunbridge Wells and Tonbridge are about two miles away, both offering a range of shopping, recreational and leisure facilities.

Viewing is strictly by prior appointment with Wood & Pilcher on 01892 511311; email southborough@woodandpilcher.co.uk, or visit 124 London Road, Southborough, Tunbridge Wells TN1 1UT.





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SPLENDOUR: Traders are looking to breathe new life into The Pantiles, set in the heart of the town

Stamp-duty increase slows high-end sales

THE property market in Royal Tunbridge Wells has been affected by the Government's recent rise in stamp duty.

Since April any home sold for more than £1 million has attracted a 5 per cent fee on top – up from the previous level of 4 per cent for any property sold for more than £500,000.

This stamp-duty hike becomes more painful as the property price rises, with a £2.5 million home requiring £125,000 in duty, up from £100,000 under the previous rate.

Batcheller Thacker partner Matthew Braxton said the rise in duty had affected the higher end of the property market.

"There is still money around, but people are not as willing to just buy whatever is on offer and move on in a few years' time because they'll have to pay out on stamp duty each time," he said.

"Instead, more and more people are waiting for the right property to come on the market – they're being more selective. There is also a general lack of confidence in the market and banks won't lend. Thing are much harder this year than they were in 2010."



Mr Braxton said there were certain recession-proof areas of the town where demand remained strong and prices continued to rise.

"Any large house near the parks such as Camden, Dunorlan and Sherwood are popular. Detached properties in these locations always sell well. The 'village' area of Tunbridge Wells, particularly near Claremont School, is also always in demand."

The rental market remains strong, with one-bed flats starting at the £650-£675pcm figure and reaching £2,000pcm for the more charming lodges in rustic idylls.

Property prices look set to rise further if and when proposed road improvements are carried out.

Access in and out of the town is often strained at peak times, but plans to alleviate this long-standing issue have been shelved as part of the Government's cutbacks.

PROPERTY SPOTLIGHT ON **TUNBRIDGE WELLS**

What makes it special

PERHAPS it is its royal prefix, perhaps the blend of culture, history, retail and architecture, but Royal Tunbridge Wells has chiselled itself a unique status in the South East.

Perched on the Kent-East Sussex border, it is a self-contained conurbation, built on a rich history which unites royalty with remarkable building designs, much from famed architect Decimus Burton, to create a fascinating blend of old and new.

From the splendour of the Georgian colonnade of The Pantiles – boasting the spring from which the town derived its name and its royal blessing – to the modern buzz of the shopping complex, it has an almost cosmopolitan feel.

Yet it is surrounded by countryside, the rolling hills of The Weald and its picturesque villages proving a honeypot to visitors. With a reputation for wealth – it has one of the highest concentrations of public schools in the country – the town has become popular with City workers.

Royal Tunbridge Wells has a little bit of everything, and a population fiercely proud and protective or what it has, what it had, and what it wants.

Room to improve

THE town centre is having a review of some key buildings – among them the proud civic complex. It seems likely there will be development over the coming years in a bid to boost its status as the retail hub for the region. It remains a topic of debate – as does the old town-centre cinema site, which has lain derelict for more than a decade.

Linked to this is the constant thorn in its side of roads and congestion. Peak times can see roads snarl up, to the frustration of residents and workers alike. Hopes of dualling one of the town's main arteries – the A21 linking it to Tonbridge, Sevenoaks and the East Sussex coast – have been delayed due to Government cuts.



Shops

THE town centre is a diverse beast. At the top of the town sits Royal Victoria Place – run by Westfield – boasting all the key high-street stores. It is perennially popular and offers an ideal one-stop shop.

But what makes Tunbridge Wells a little different is that outside the centre is a range of independent traders, stretching down the hill and towards the splendour of The Pantiles, which is looking to re-establish itself as a key retail venue. A recent food festival there attracted some 17,000 visitors, while regular farmers' markets take place both on The Pantiles and outside the civic complex. In addition, North Farm boasts a range of out-of-town stores.

Schools

TUNBRIDGE Wells, it could be said, is something of a victim of its own success. By virtue of sitting within Kent's borders, it has a number of sought-after grammar schools. But so close to East Sussex, demand always outweighs supply, with the likes of Skinners operating a 'super-selective' policy, creaming off only the highest scorers sitting the Kent Test. Unsurprisingly, the grammars score highly in league tables. There is also a vast range of public-education opportunities, reflecting the area's wealth. In addition, local comprehensives are trying to pick up their game, with a recently-formed academy given the green light for a multi-million-pound redevelopment.

Connections

THE A21 takes motorists from Tunbridge Wells up through Tonbridge and Sevenoaks to the M25 and with it quick access to London and the rest of the motorway network. To the south, it leads to Hastings and the coast. Brighton is less than 50 minutes away. A short drive to the M20 takes you to the Channel ports and Eurotunnel terminal. Alternatively, drive to Ashford or Ebbsfleet to pick up the Eurostar to Paris and a range of European destinations. Gatwick is under an hour's drive, too. Trains will also have you in London in less than 60 minutes.

What's on

THE Assembly Hall theatre in the town centre offers a steady diet of drama, comedy, music and, of course, an annual pantomime. It is complemented, just yards away, by the Trinity Arts Centre – once a church designed by Decimus Burton, it is now a hub of culture. Back over the road is an art gallery and museum, with several other art venues fast developing a reputation. A large out-of-town multiplex cinema offers the latest films.

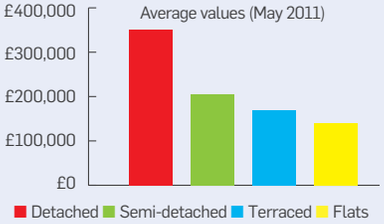
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The Zed-Index! is the average home value in a given area based on Zoopla Estimates

Kent Zed-Index! £213,375



Area	Turnover	Zed-index!
Ashford	16.6%	£213,248
Aylesford	15.9%	£206,441
Belvedere	17.6%	£165,059
Bexley	15.8%	£285,939
Bexleyheath	16.9%	£238,102
Birchington	20.4%	£187,079
Broadstairs	19.1%	£207,548
Canterbury	15.4%	£225,383
Chatham	17.9%	£158,727
Cranbrook	13.6%	£361,672
Dartford	16.3%	£200,267
Deal	17.7%	£185,366
Dover	14.7%	£152,339
Edenbridge	13.8%	£333,259
Erith	12.9%	£166,636
Faversham	16.6%	£200,387
Folkestone	17.1%	£171,416
Gillingham	16.6%	£160,999
Gravesend	14.5%	£192,106
Greenhithe	19.7%	£191,381
Herne Bay	19.3%	£183,884
Hythe	18.2%	£230,613
Longfield	15.5%	£274,557
Maidstone	16.1%	£216,751
Margate	17.3%	£147,054
New Romney	20.3%	£197,840
Queenborough	12.6%	£109,187
Rainham	13.9%	£179,794
Ramsgate	16.6%	£151,887
Rochester	16.3%	£174,383
Romney Marsh	17.0%	£177,390
Sandwich	16.4%	£230,357
Sevenoaks	16.5%	£451,212
Sheerness	15.1%	£141,663
Sidcup	17.9%	£240,157
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West Malling	18.1%	£322,467
Westerham	18.1%	£296,016
Westgate-on-Sea	19.1%	£155,370
Whitstable	20.0%	£231,479

Source: homes24.co.uk/kent

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Tunbridge Wells, Kent
£495,000
Single building plot with planning permission for a substantial 3/4 bedroom villa within highly regarded area in town centre



Sheppey, Kent
£400,000
Investment/development opportunity comprising existing bungalow and 5 acres of land with potential



Brenchley, Kent
Guide Price £600,000
1 acre plot with planning for a detached house and stunning views over open countryside



Wilmington, Kent
£600,000
Single plot of approx 0.25 acre with planning for a detached 5 bed house of 3,000 sq ft



Broadstairs, Kent
£300,000
0.42 acre site with 18 months option and planning pending for 3 x 3/4 bedroom houses



Charing, Kent
£365,000-£395,000
1 acre plot with planning for a detached barn style property of approx 2,750 sq ft



Folkestone, Kent
Offers Invited
Site with planning permission for 7 apartments



Westgate-on-Sea, Kent
£70,000
Single plot with planning permission pending for a 2 bedroom detached house



Brookland, Kent
Offers Invited
Site with planning for 2 x 4 and 2 x 3 bedroom detached houses



Lamberhurst Quarter, Kent
£250,000
A fine detached 6 bay period barn with planning consent for conversion for a 3,000 sq ft dwelling



Ramsgate, Kent
£75,000-£85,000
Single plot with planning permission for a detached 4 bedroom house



Walmer, Kent
£450,000
5 bedroom detached house in need of renovation with potential plot to the side, subject to planning

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£597,000



Broadwater Down
THIS site is occupied by a bungalow but has been granted planning permission for a substantial detached house of some 6,300 sq ft.
The planned accommodation is arranged over four floors and comprises a family room, utility room and cloakroom on the lower groundfloor and a lounge, dining room, kitchen, study, sun room and entrance hall on the ground floor.
The first floor plays home to all five bedrooms, three of which have en-suite bathrooms. The remaining two bedrooms share a separate bathroom.
There is also a large attic room and a separate storage area in the roof of the planned new property.
Alternative plans for the new dwelling include a self-contained flat or a smaller property, subject to planning.
These proposals and further options can be discussed with the agent at length.
AGENT: Chapel Place Ltd
01892 619289

Permission granted for a substantial detached property



Grade II-listed luxury home in rural idyll

£1,750,000

Station Road
HERE is your chance to own a wonderful Grade II-listed former mill house dating back to the 17th century. The luxury property is set in a beautiful rural location with good countryside views.
The property consists of seven bedrooms, four receptions, three bathrooms, a farmhouse kitchen-breakfast room, doubling garage, swimming pool and timber outbuildings.
AGENT: Batcheller Thacker
01424 775577



Georgian-style three-bed villa given go-ahead

£495,000

Calverley Park Gardens
THIS site has been recently cleared and has planning permission for a three-bedroom Georgian-style villa of some 2,200 sq ft.
The agreed accommodation is made up of a large lounge/dining room, kitchen, master bedroom with en-suite bathroom, separate shower, additional bathroom and a home office, which can be converted into a fourth bedroom. The sought-after plot is in a highly-regarded area of Tunbridge Wells and within walking distance of the town centre and mainline station, which provides regular services to London Bridge, Charing Cross and Cannon Street in under an hour. The site is ideal for a growing family with young children who are looking to lay their roots in a luxury location.
AGENT: Chapel Place Ltd
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Modernised home has view of golf course

£895,000

Rustwick
THE property comprises an attractive detached family house dating back to the early 1900s and situated in a unique position on a popular residential road.
The house was extended and modernised by the current owners in 2001 and now provides excellent flexible family accommodation.
Features include double-aspect drawing room, kitchen/breakfast room with views over the golf course, family room and five spacious bedrooms.
A fruit garden, garage and shed are to the rear.
AGENT: Knight Frank
01892 515035



York stone-paving in garden

£875,000

Upper Grosvenor Road
THIS semi-detached Victorian property is conveniently situated close to the centre of town and mainline station.
The accommodation is arranged over four floors and retains many period features including fireplaces, large sash windows and exposed brickwork. To the front of the property, there is off-road parking for two vehicles and access to the side of the house. To the rear is a York stone-paved terrace with steps up, passing the decked terrace, to a walled garden with brick outhouse.
There are also part-raised flower borders with a selection of plants and shrubs.
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Idyllic village property

£207 p/w

The Green
TAKE a look at this Grade II-listed terraced house in the idyllic village of Groombridge. The house has exposed beamed ceiling throughout and an inglenook fireplace. Groombridge is some five miles west of Tunbridge Wells on the Kent/East Sussex border, surrounded by glorious countryside and providing enviable amenities including day-to-day shopping facilities, a post office and an excellent primary school.
The village has three churches, two public houses, a central recreation ground and a doctors' surgery.
AGENT: Winkworth
01892 512600



'Grand Designs' home in rural setting

£2,750 pcm

Broomhill Road
THIS beautiful modern house has to be seen to be believed. The striking 'Grand Designs' contemporary four-bedroom home enjoys a delightful rural setting yet is within three miles of Tunbridge Wells and has easy access to the A21, excellent recreational and shopping facilities and favoured schools.
Among its many fine features is an open-plan drawing room with wood-burner.
AGENT: Batcheller Thacker
01892 512020



Refurbished groundfloor studio flat

£425 pcm

North Farm Road
THIS large groundfloor studio flat is newly refurbished to a very high standard and ideally located almost opposite High Brooms train station.
The refurbished fitted kitchen comes with white goods, which include a washing machine, cooker and fridge. The property is neutrally decorated throughout with new fitted curtains and laminate flooring.
The property is ideal for a young professional or couple looking to set up home on their own.
AGENT: South East PML
01892 281005



Semi-detached characterful cottage

£277 pw

Brewer Street
THIS attractive Grade II-listed semi-detached cottage is full of character, with exposed beams throughout and an inglenook fireplace.
The property is a few minutes' walk from the village; it has a reception room, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, garden and off-road parking. The cottage's rear garden boasts a patio flowerbed, with railway sleeper steps leading to a lawned area.
AGENT: Winkworth
01892 519600



Maisonette in cul-de-sac

£625 pcm

Ashenden Walk
THIS spacious first-floor maisonette is in a cul-de-sac position on the north-east side of Tunbridge Wells within walking distance of High Brooms station. Tunbridge Wells town centre is about two miles away.
The accommodation comprises an entrance hallway, large living room, modern kitchen with built-in oven and hob, double bedroom and a bathroom with an electric shower over the bath.
There is a parking space to the rear of the property.
AGENT: Doorknobs
01892 281003



Large end-of-terrace

£577 pw

South Grove
THIS large, well-presented end-of-terrace house arranged over four floors is in the 'village' area of Tunbridge Wells and within a short walk of the station, town facilities and Grove Park.
The accommodation includes a kitchen/breakfast room with granite work-surface, an AGA and a second small oven.
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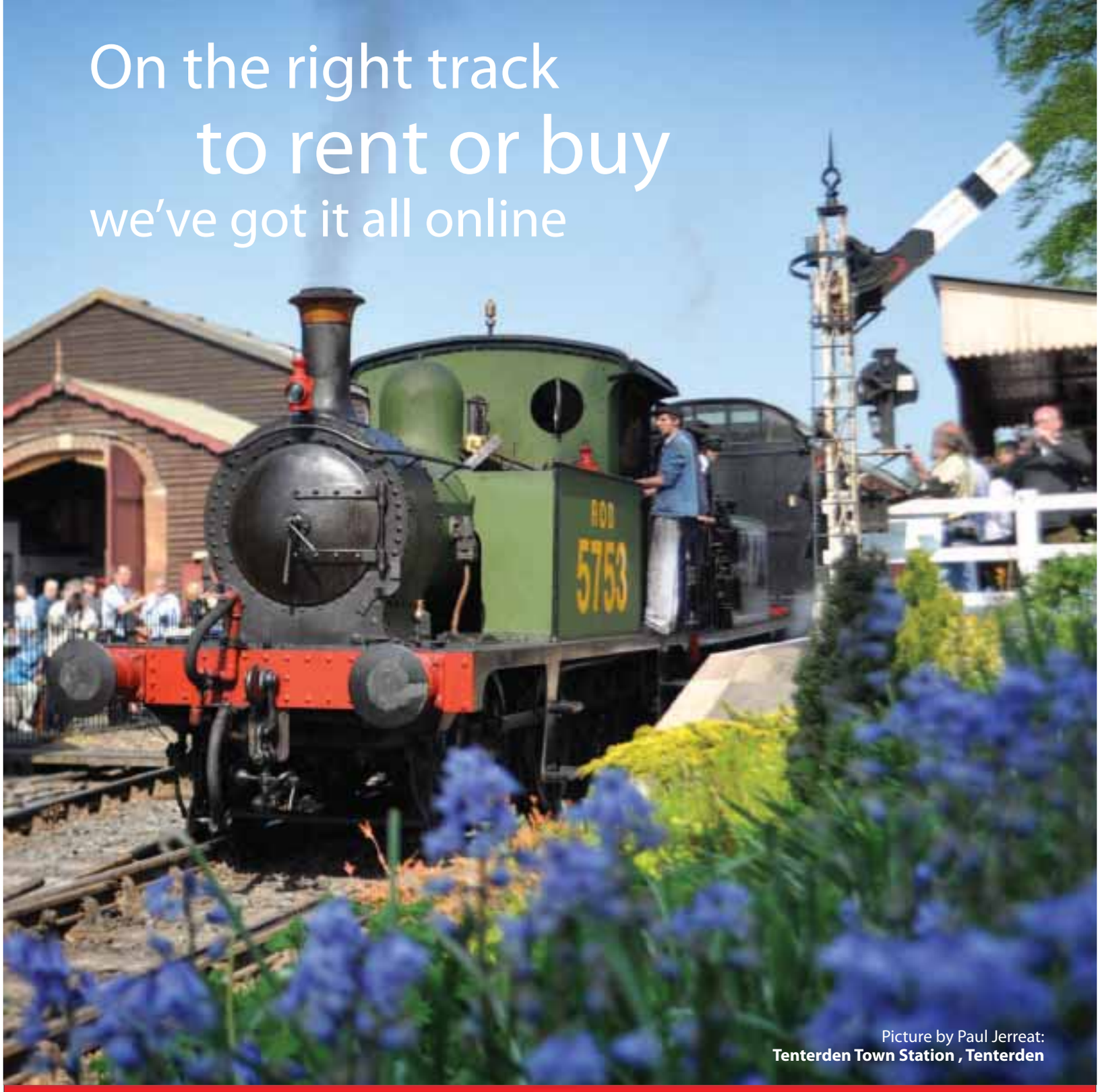
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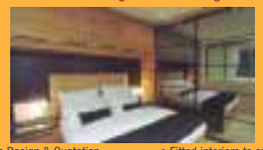
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i20 makes big impression

By Sam Davison
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IS THERE still room in the motoring market for conventional three-door small cars?

I'm not talking about Minis or Fiat 500s or racy three-door spin-offs such as the Seat Ibiza SportCoupé, catering for the style conscious.

No, my target is the typical small hatch that looks much the same in three or five-door format, except that deleting two rear doors saves £350 to £750, but adds more inconvenience.

Some carmakers clearly don't rate them: Skoda shuns offering a three-door Fabia; Honda doesn't bother in the case of the rival Jazz; and you can't have a three-door Fiat Panda or Kia Picanto.

Ambitious Korean brand Hyundai does not offer a three-door version of its i10 city car either but, perversely, sells a three-door Hyundai i20 (from £9,745) that is a shadow of its five-door self.

Despite a high-sill rakish rear window, the car cannot escape the shadow of its more practical sister and the front seat fold/slide mechanism allowing access to the rear is clumsy and irritating to use and needs resetting each time.

Would-be buyers with babies or small children to strap in are better off paying around £450 for extra doors.

Once in the back though space is generous, if claustrophobic due to those windows, but then you struggle to get out.

However, the i20 range overall is impressive, underlining Hyundai's efforts to be taken more seriously; it is now the world's fifth biggest carmaker and the new generation 'i' series has proved a winner while the brand's traditional strengths of keen prices and universal five-year warranty reassure UK consumers as they check finances more closely.

The i20 was launched in 2009, after being designed in and for Europe (in Germany), but is built in India to keep costs down.

Longer and wider than its big-selling predecessor, the Getz – a real game-changer for the Korean brand on the UK market – it has a distinctive style to it, feels roomier and better arranged, while boot space bears comparison with some cars from the class above.

And it is packed with value: every i20 comes with a full complement of airbags, air con and glove box cooler, electric front windows plus fully adjustable wheel and driver's seat.

The chassis set-up is also a crowd pleaser, striking a good balance between comfort and sporty, though falling short of the driver feedback of sophisticated rivals like the latest Ford Fiesta and VW Polo.

And the interior is robust with nice touches such as chrome door handles, but even lively upholstery in our mid-range Comfort trim test car (from £10,595) failed to lift the slightly dour atmosphere, though you do get a full USB link for your MP3 player/iPod at this level.

There are three engine options, but I immediately discount the 75bhp 1.4-litre diesel tested here; with lots of low down power, you need to be careful not to make the front wheels scrabble under initial acceleration in wet conditions, yet it runs out of puff later and generally feels unrefined, heavy and lumpy in such a small car.

It also adds £650 to the price of the equivalent 99bhp 1.4-litre petrol, but I reckon the 77bhp 1.2 petrol entry-level powertrain is the best buy of all.

The 1.4 petrol costs from £600 more yet brings little extra urge for the higher fuel consumption and emissions.

The smaller unit also has a crisper gearbox and feels nimbler to drive.

Such appeal at the lower end of a well-specified range, makes the i20 an irresistible bargain even without that famous five-year unlimited mileage warranty.

BARGAIN: But the three-door Hyundai i20 is still living in the shadow of its five-door sister, which only costs an extra £450

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1ST DRIVE

BY MATT JOY editorial@kosmedia.co.uk

IF YOU'VE managed to get this far in your motoring life without sparing a thought for fuel bills or the environment, then I'm secretly impressed, because there's nothing like the tide of public opinion to raise something to the top of the agenda.

It wasn't that long ago that hardly anyone knew about carbon dioxide emissions, but these days it's more socially acceptable to banter about g/km than bhp.

Volvo isn't ashamed to admit it has been in the business of making family cars for decades now: it knows what works and what doesn't. Its long-deserved reputation for safety is still an ever-present, too, yet perhaps of greater interest now is an emphasis on creating cars that are good to look at and very economical too. An impossible combination maybe?

There's a new V60 DRIVe that represents a serious attempt to fill all of those roles.

You should be familiar with the regular V60 by now: a slick, modern Volvo right down to its core and yet still able to do all the boring stuff like they always have.

But the DRIVe model brings with it the ability to achieve some remarkably efficient figures.



Try 62.8mpg and 119g/km for the V60, a fraction better for the S60 saloon.

What's more, rather than the pie-in-the-sky figures that many seem to think the official statistics are, a little application makes them achievable. To prove it, Volvo set us the task of driving a new V60 DRIVe from their UK headquaters in Marlow to Mayrhoffen in Austria on a single tank of fuel.

My geography is poor at the best of times, but I know that 840 miles without refuelling is no mean feat. Even starting with the M25 couldn't diminish the V60's qualities.

Despite not even being run in yet (and anyone will tell you that diesels in particular don't really get going until they have over 1,000 miles on them) the 1.6-litre diesel unit gives the kind of low-speed pull that we've come to expect, thanks to the 199lb.ft of torque available from just 1,750rpm. There's also a six-speed manual gearbox, rather than the five speeds many eco-specials are lumbered with.

The cabin does a fine job of looking after its occupants too, with seats that are very supportive and comfortable, plus there's a healthy complement of equipment too as this is no stripped-out economy model.

Better still, if you go for the R-Design model innocent passers-by would mistake it for the hot model in the range. R-Design gets you very attractive and large alloy wheels, a tasteful bodykit for sportiness but not showiness and sharper suspension.

Remarkably, at the end of the challenge the V60 indicated zero fuel in the tank and zero range with 15 miles still go, but managed to complete the task without a cough or splutter. 830 miles down, and with 56.4mpg on the trip computer.

The V60 DRIVe demands very little in the way of compromise from its occupants, yet delivers pretty impressive fuel efficiency with a little in reserve – which proves that you don't have to sell you soul to save the planet.

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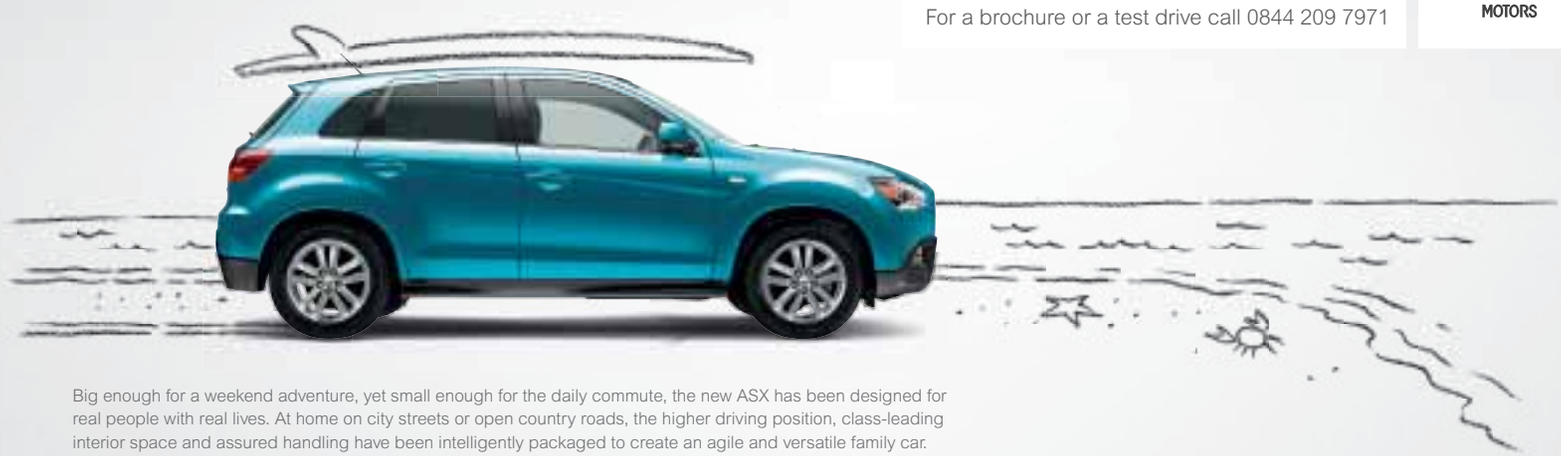
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  Pearlescent Black Magic Manual Diesel with black leather trim 68,680 miles £8,995
* **10 Plate. Skoda Octavia 2.0 TDi CR vRS 5-Dr**
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* **08 Plate. Skoda Octavia 1.9 TDI PD Ambiente 5-Dr Hatchback**
  Satin Grey Metallic Manual Diesel with black interior 13,750 miles £10,495

Other Makes

* **55 Plate. Fiat Panda 1.1 Active 5-Door Hatchback**
  Finished in Cocktail Blue Metallic with a Grey Cloth interior, 15,512 miles. £4,795
* **06 Plate. Renault Megane 1.6 VVT Privilege Coupe Cabriolet**
  Finished in Black Metallic with a Beige Velour - Leather interior, 23,500 miles. £7,295
* **04 Plate. Citroen Xsara Picasso 1.6 HDi Exclusive 5-Dr MPV**
  Cool Mint Metallic Manual Diesel with a Grey cloth interior, 47,712 miles £5,495
* **05 Plate. Citroen C5 1.6 HDi 16v 110 Design 5-Dr**
  Beige Metallic Manual Diesel 47,500 miles £4,995
* **09 Plate. Ford Fiesta 1.4 TDCi Zetec 3-Dr Hatchback**
  Red Manual Diesel with a Black cloth interior 34,449 miles £8,995
* **54 Plate. Honda Civic 2.0 Type S 5-Dr Hatchback**
  Finished in Nighthawk Black Metallic with a Black Cloth interior, 47,800 miles. £5,795
* **06 Plate. Peugeot Partner Combo MPV 1.6 HDi 90 Escapade**
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159, 2.4 JTDM LUSSO, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player diesel electric windows immobiliser metallic paint power steering remote central locking remote audio controls, black, 28347 miles, £11000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

159, 1.9 JTDM 16v LUSSO, 2008, abs brakes air con alloys cd player diesel electric windows immobiliser leather interior multiple airbags power steering trip computer remote central locking remote audio controls, alfa red, 70000 miles, £8000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

BRERA, 2.4 JTDM SV, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player cruise control diesel electric windows immobiliser metallic paint leather interior multiple airbags power steering trip computer remote central locking remote audio controls, silver, 28347 miles, £13000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

BRERA, 2.4 JTDM SV, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player cruise control diesel electric windows immobiliser metallic paint leather interior multiple airbags power steering trip computer remote central locking remote audio controls, silver, 28347 miles, £13000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

AUDI

A3, SE FSI, 2006, air conditioning alarm fitted cd player central locking electric windows full service history metallic paint multiple airbags remote central locking, mauve met. 24500 miles, £9500, Maidstone, 08448 759296 (TRADE)

A3, sport tdi, 2005, abs brakes alarm fitted alloys cd player central locking climate control drivers airbag electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering single cd sports seats tinted glass trip computer remote central locking multi functional tunepoint (i-pod and mp3 connection) remote audio controls adjustable steering column body coloured bumpers heated door mirrors height adj drivers seat, atral silver, 20490 miles, £11000, Maidstone, 08448 759296 (TRADE)

A4, S LINE, 2009, abs brakes alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking climate control cruise control drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights full service history heated seats immobiliser metallic paint leather interior multiple airbags power steering reverse parking aid sports seats tinted glass trip computer twin airbags xenon headlamps remote central locking remote audio controls adjustable steering column body coloured bumpers rear headrests heated door mirrors height adj drivers seat, silver, 21500 miles, £22000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

A4, FSI S Line Multitronic, 2006, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels automatic transmission cd player central locking climate control drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser leather interior multiple airbags power steering reverse parking aid, blue, 47365 miles, £13500, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

A5, Coupe 3.0 Tdi Quattro Sport, 2008, abs brakes cd player central locking diesel drivers airbag electric windows multiple airbags power steering trip computer remote central locking adjustable steering column height adj drivers seat, silver, 22812 miles, £25000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

A5, Coupe 3.0 Tdi Quattro Sport, 2008, abs brakes cd player central locking diesel drivers airbag electric windows multiple airbags power steering trip computer remote central locking adjustable steering column height adj drivers seat, silver, 22812 miles, £25000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

A6, 1.9 TDi 130 SE, 2005, blue, 122000 miles, £6000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

A6, 2.7T QUATTRO SPORT, 2002, abs brakes air con alarm fitted alloys cd player central locking cruise control drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights metallic paint leather interior multiple airbags power steering sports seats tinted glass traction control trip computer roof bars adjustable steering column front armrest body coloured bumpers lumbar support height adj drivers seat, blue, 78000 miles, £5000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

A6, 2.7 TDi S-LINE MULTITRONIC, 2006, quartz, 62000 miles, £13000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

Q7, TDI QUATTRO 240 S-LINE, 2009, abs brakes air con alarm fitted alloys automatic cd player central locking climate control cruise control diesel drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights half leather trim immobiliser power fold mirrors multiple airbags power steering reverse parking aid sports seats traction control trip computer remote central locking isofix child seat points auto headlights and wipers remote audio controls adjustable steering column body coloured bumpers lumbar support rear headrests 3x3 point heated door mirrors height adj drivers seat, grey, 14033 miles, £35000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

Q7, 3.0 Tdi Se Tiptronic, 2008, abs brakes automatic transmission cd player central locking diesel drivers airbag electric windows multiple airbags power steering trip computer remote central locking adjustable steering column 3x3 point rear seat belts height adj drivers seat, black, 16588 miles, £27000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

TT, 2.0T FSI, 2006, silver, 63000 miles, £14000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

TT, 1.8 T Quattro, 2001, abs brakes alarm fitted alloy wheels electric windows front fog lights half leather trim heated seats immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering sports seats traction control trip computer remote central locking isofix child seat points adjustable steering column body coloured bumpers heated door mirrors height adj drivers seat space saver spare wheel, silver, 25000 miles, £9500, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

CHEVROLET

CAPTIVA, 2.0 VCDi LTX 7 SEATS, 2009, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player diesel electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering remote central locking remote audio controls adjustable steering column body coloured bumpers rear headrests 3x3 point rear seat belts height adj drivers seat, tbc, 64000 miles, £14000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

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KALOS, SE (AC), 2008, abs brakes air conditioning cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser power steering, silver, 10019 miles, £5000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

KALOS, SE (AC), 2008, abs brakes air conditioning cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser power steering, silver, 10019 miles, £5000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

KALOS, 1.4 SX, 2007, abs brakes alarm fitted cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows full service history immobiliser power steering twin airbags adjustable steering column, pearl black, 15782 miles, £5000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

MATIZ, SE, 2008, abs brakes electric windows immobiliser power steering, silver, 13090 miles, £4000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

MATIZ, S, 2007, alarm fitted cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint power steering twin airbags body coloured bumpers, poly silver, 36703 miles, £4000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

TACUMA, 1.6 SX, 2006, abs brakes cd player electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint power steering remote central locking, blue, 30509 miles, £3000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

TACUMA, 1.6 SX, 2006, abs brakes cd player electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint power steering remote central locking, blue, 30509 miles, £3000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

FIAT

500, POP, 2009, abs brakes air conditioning electric windows immobiliser power steering, minimal grey, 30780 miles, £7000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

500, MULITJET POP, 2009, abs brakes cd player central locking diesel electric windows power steering, silver, 5532 miles, £9000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

500, 1.2 LOUNGE, 2009, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels bluetooth car kit cd player electric windows immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering tonneau cover remote central locking remote audio controls, black, 2758 miles, £9000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)
Bravo, DYNAMIC ECO, 2010, abs brakes cd player central locking diesel electric windows power steering, black, 3000 miles, £15000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

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CROMA, 1.9 MULTIJET ELEGANZA, 2006, abs brakes alloy wheels cd player climate control diesel electric windows immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering remote central locking, grey, 48073 miles, £5000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

DOBLO, Multijet, 2010, abs brakes cd player central locking diesel drivers airbag electric windows, beige, 5736 miles, £14000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

DOBLO, 1.3 MULTIJET FAMILY - 7 SEATER, 2008, abs brakes cd player diesel electric windows immobiliser power steering tonneau cover trip computer twin airbags remote central locking, rumba red, 25991 miles, £7000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

DOBLO, 1.3 Multijet Active, 2007, abs brakes electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags power steering split folding rear seats trip computer remote central locking adjustable steering column front armrest rear headrests 3x3 point rear seat belts height adj drivers seat space saver spare wheel, mtallic bolero red, 21000 miles, £5000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

FIORINO, 60 plate1.3 Dsl base Call Waheeda 07825 670994, 2010, cd player, white, 10 miles, £7500, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

FIORINO, 1.3 16v MULTIJET**Call Waheeda 07825670994**, 2010, cd player diesel, white, 10 miles, £7500, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

GRANDE PUNTO, 2009, bluetooth car kit cd player electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering tonneau cover trip computer front passenger air bag deactivation switch remote central locking remote audio controls, black, 1000 miles, £7000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

GRANDE PUNTO, 2007, abs brakes alloys electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags power steering split folding rear seats trip computer remote central locking isofix child seat points adjustable steering column body coloured bumpers headrests 3x3 point rear seat belts heated door mirrors height adj drivers seat, red, 27000 miles, £4000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

IDEA, 1.4, 2008, black, 55 miles, £8000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

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IDEA, 1.4, 2008, abs brakes cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser metallic paint, blue, 55 miles, £8000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

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MULTIPLA, 2.0, 2008, abs brakes cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights heated seats immobiliser, blue, 55 miles, £15000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

MULTIPLA, Multijet Dynamic Plus, 2010, abs brakes cd central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags power steering, blue, 10 miles, £14500, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

PANDA, 1.1 ACTIVE, 2008, cd player central locking electric windows immobiliser power steering tonneau cover twin airbags, yellow, 7161 miles, £4000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

PANDA, Dynamic, 2005, abs brakes cd player drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser power steering remote central locking, turquoise, 32527 miles, £4000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

PANDA, 1.1 Active Eco, 2010, abs brakes central locking electric windows twin airbags front passenger air bag deactivation switch isofix child seat points adjustable steering column, white, 50 miles, £6000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

PUNTO, 1.2 Active, 2003, cd player central locking electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags power steering trip computer adjustable steering column body coloured bumpers lumbar support, metallic crystal green, 52008 miles, £2600, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

PUNTO, 1.2, 2008, abs brakes cd player central locking electric windows half leather trim immobiliser, black, 55 miles, £10000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

QUBO, Multijet Dynamic, 2010, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags power steering, blue, 10 miles, £11500, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

QUBO, Multijet Dynamic, 2010, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags power steering, grey, 4331 miles, £10500, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

SCUDO, Combi 9 Seat LWB A/C METALLIC REAR PARK, 2010, air conditioning cd player diesel drivers airbag electric windows metallic paint power fold mirrors power steering remote central locking, met grey, 100 miles, £15400, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

SCUDO, 1.6 COMFORT 90 L1Call Waheeda 07825670994, 2010, abs brakes cd player diesel immobiliser power steering side load door remote central locking, blue, 18000 miles, £8000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

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DISCOVERY, 2.7TD V6 SE, 2006, 4x4 abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels automatic transmission central locking climate control cruise control diesel electric windows immobiliser multi cd player multiple airbags power steering satellite navigation tinted glass traction control trip computer remote central locking adjustable steering column lumbar support height adj drivers seat, silver, 48721 miles, £21495, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

DISCOVERY, 2.7 TDV6 XS, 2008, abs brakes alloy wheels automatic transmission cd player cruise control front fog lights metallic paint multiple airbags power steering traction control remote central locking remote audio controls body coloured bumpers, black, 27000 miles, £25000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

FREELANDER, 2008, alarm fitted alloy wheels bluetooth car kit cruise control drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights heated seats metallic paint multi cd player leather interior multiple airbags power steering reverse parking aid satellite navigation split folding rear seats trip computer xenon headlamps remote central locking isofix child seat points remote audio controls electric sunroof adjustable steering column body coloured bumpers rear armrest rear headrests heated door mirrors height adj drivers seat space saver spare wheel, blue, 21440 miles, £20000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

FREELANDER, 2003, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels electric windows power steering, silver, 52300 miles, £4500, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

RANGE ROVER, 2009, abs brakes air con alarm fitted alloy wheels automatic cd player central locking climate control cruise control drivers airbag electric windows heated seats immobiliser leather interior multiple airbags power fold mirrors power steering reverse parking aid, black, 11653 miles, £42000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

RANGE ROVER, 2002, abs brakes air con alarm fitted alloys automatic transmission central locking climate control cruise control drivers airbag electric windows heated seats immobiliser leather interior multiple airbags power fold mirrors power steering reverse parking aid satellite navigation, orange, 32000 miles, £14000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

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GS, 300 SE Auto, 2006, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels automatic transmission cd player central locking climate control cruise control drivers airbag electric windows heated seats immobiliser leather interior multiple airbags power fold mirrors power steering reverse parking aid satellite navigation, silver, 32561 miles, £13000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

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IS, 2.0 200 LE (Limited Edition), 2003, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint power steering remote central locking remote audio controls, kodiak sky, 55000 miles, £5000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

IS, 2.2 220d, 2008, velvet black, 32929 miles, £14000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

IS, 250 Sport, 2006, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels central locking climate control electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags power steering reverse parking aid, slate, 17849 miles, £12000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

LS, IS 250 SR AUTO, 2008, abs brakes air conditioning automatic transmission cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows multiple airbags power steering trip computer remote central locking adjustable steering column 3x3 point rear seat belts height adj drivers seat, black, 27806 miles, £14000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

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3, 1.6 TAKARA 5DR, 2008, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking climate control drivers airbag electric windows full service history immobiliser power steering single cd player remote central locking adjustable steering column body coloured bumpers lumbar support rear headrests height adj drivers seat, black, 21000 miles, £8000, Tunbridge Wells, 08448 759297 (TRADE)

3, TS2, 2007, abs brakes alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking climate control drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering single cd player split folding rear seats tinted glass tonneau cover trip computer remote central locking isofix child seat points adjustable steering column body coloured bumpers rear armrest rear headrests heated door mirrors height adj drivers seat, ice blue, 33700 miles, £6500, Maidstone, 08448 759296 (TRADE)

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52 NISSAN Micra 1.0 Twister, 2002, Hatchback, Grey, 74,000 miles **£1,995**
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05 JAGUAR X-Type 2.0d SE 2005,Manual Saloon, Diesel, Grey, 49,000 miles **£7,995**
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52 LAND ROVER Freelander 2.0 2003,Td4 GS Station Wagon, Automatic, Diesel, 4x4, Silver, 62,000 miles **£5,995**
52 FORD Galaxy 1.9 TD LX, 2002, Diesel, Estate, Silver, 55,000 miles **£5,695**
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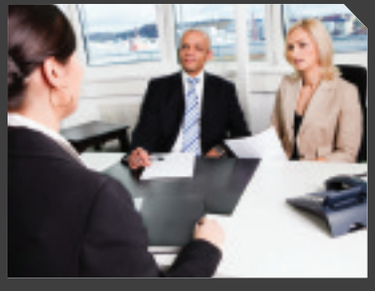
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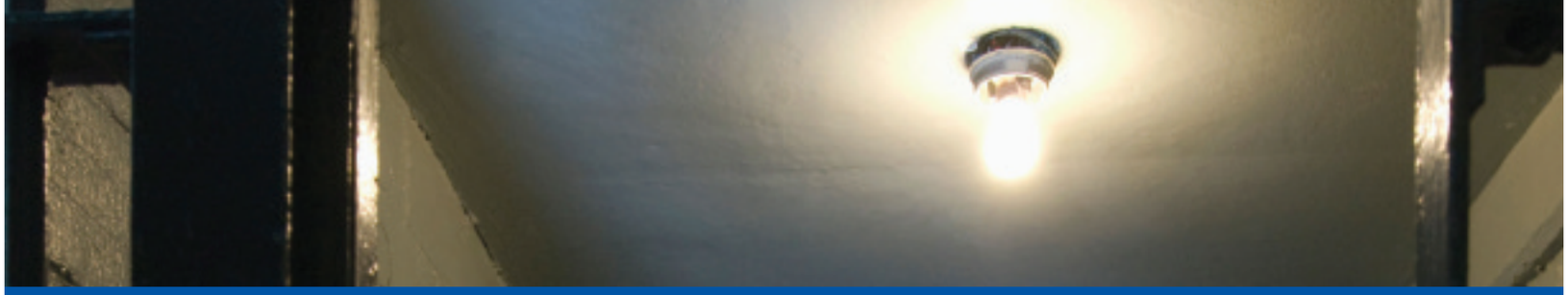
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